

DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF:

Scripture
Theology
The Mass (liturgy)
Moral Theology
Prayer and Spirituality
Ministry
Christ-centered Leadership
Specializations (Projects)

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, one Saturday per month

2017-2018 dates: Aug. 12, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov 18, Jan. 6 (Diocesan Conference), Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 19, June 9

Place: Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno

Meals: Lunch will be provided



*“Bringing new life
to the mission of your Church
here in Northern Nevada”*
Diocese of Reno, Synod 2015 prayer

“We consider lay participation in church life at all levels a gift of the Holy Spirit, given for the common good.”

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<http://www.renodiocese.org>; Ministries tab; then “Lay Ministry Formation and Leadership”

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as... teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Lay Ministers’ Formation & Leadership Program



A ten-month process for those already serving in ministry who desire more

2017-2018

Requirements for Eligibility

1. Adult, 18 years of age or older
2. Be a practicing Roman Catholic for three consecutive years or more
3. Be active in church ministry for at least one year
4. Be endorsed by your pastor (exceptions may be made)
5. Be in appropriate physical and mental health
6. Possess an eagerness for spiritual formation
7. Be open to, and interested in, contemporary expressions in theology
8. Have sufficient time for formation and ministry
9. Possess the desire and capacity for growth, continuing education, and developing skills for ministry
10. Possess reading and writing abilities in order to participate fully in the academic program
11. Be baptized; confirmed; First Eucharist (communion)
12. Be cleared through the diocesan Background Check form
13. Have already taken the Protecting God's Children Awareness Session and have at least begun the bulletins associated with it
14. Please recognize that all materials, presentations, etc. will be in English

Participants are willing to be leaders: inviting, encouraging, and teaching others to serve

Spiritual Formation for:

DREs
Catechists
Catholic School Teachers
Catholic School Administrators
Liturgical Ministers
Parish Council Members
School Board Members
Parish Staff
Prison Ministers
RCIA Teams
Social Justice Ministers
Youth Ministers
Others in Ministry



Application Process Includes:

1. **Thoughtful, prayerful** completion of Application Form
2. Letter of Recommendation from a Co-minister (using form provided)
3. Letter of Endorsement from your pastor (we contact the pastors; Catholic School Teachers will need to be endorsed by the pastor of their own parish and their principal)
4. Decision of the Lay Ministry Formation Team
5. Beginning January 15, 2017, you may download the **Application Form** & the **Co-minister Recommendation Form** at: <http://renodiocese.org/lay-ministry-leadership>
6. **Applications due April 15, 2017**

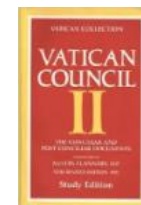
“The Church needs a well-educated, inquiring, and vocal laity if the new evangelization is to achieve its full potential.”

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Costs

\$500 plus books

- Costs will be paid by the individual or by the parish (as determined by each parish)
- Some financial aid may be available



“The Church is not truly established and does not fully live, nor is she a perfect sign of Christ among people, unless there exists a laity worthy of the name, working alongside the hierarchy. For the Gospel cannot be deeply imprinted on the mentality, life and work of any people without the active presence of lay people.”
Ad Gentes, #21