



INTRODUCTION TO CMFP



BEGINNING IN MAY, 2018!

INTRODUCTION TO CMFP – an intensive 8 week intermediate course that includes the following introductory classes:

- Philosophy
- Theology
- Christian Anthropology
- Theological Reflection & Discernment

Each class will also help develop the skills in reading, writing, critical thinking, research, and use of technology that are necessary for CMFP.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Applicants must have

- Completed PMFP (including the specialization)
- Submitted the Intro to CMFP Application Form by the appropriate due date

WHEN ARE CLASSES OFFERED?

All classes will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center

- Saturday, May 19 (8:30am-4:30pm)
- Tuesday, May 15, 22, 29 (7:00pm-9:30pm)
- Tuesday, June 5, 12, 19, 26 (7:00pm-9:30pm)

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost of the program is \$150, plus the cost of books.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Speak with your pastor, pastoral coordinator, or organization's leaders about your interest in the program and discern with them how this formation might help you better serve and minister in your parish or in your organization/movement. Download the application packet from the MFI website, www.mfisbdiocese.org, and submit all of the required materials by the specified March 31, 2018.

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**COORDINATORS
OF
MINISTRY
FORMATION
PROGRAM
(CMFP)**



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Coordinators of Ministry Formation Program (CMFP) is an advanced formation & credential program for adults who desire to serve as Coordinators of Ministry. The CMFP prepares lay ecclesial ministers to serve the Church and to support the Pastor or Pastoral Coordinator in implementing the parish and diocesan vision.

Based on the national certification standards for lay ecclesial ministry, the program consists of three years of formation covering human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral/multicultural dimensions of ministry. The theological formation follows the pattern described below; monthly Saturday workshops help integrate the human, spiritual, and pastoral/multicultural formation with the intellectual.

Year 1:

God's Revelation

This year of study explores the themes of God's Revelation as described in the Second Vatican Council's document, the *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)* and serves as an introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures and to the New Testament.

Year 2:

Jesus Christ – His Mission and his Church

Beginning with Christology and moving through Church History and Ecclesiology, this year of study explores how our understanding of who Jesus is has developed and shaped the Church's mission through the centuries.

Year 3:

The Church Continues the Mission of Jesus Christ

Through a study of Liturgy, Sacramental Theology, and the principles of Christian morality, and by exploring significant cultural and social issues, this year of study will deepen participants' understanding of how the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit continues the mission of Jesus Christ in the world today.

ADVANCED MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION

At the end of their three years of theological study, participants begin another 1-2 years of specialized ministry formation. They may choose to specialize in one of the areas below:

- Catechetical Ministry (Master Catechist)
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries
- Liturgical Ministry
- Charity and Justice Ministries
- Adult Faith Ministries

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Applicants for the CMFP must have:

- Completed PFMP (including the specialization)
- Completed the 8 week intermediate course "Intro to CMFP"
- Demonstrated the ability to read and write at the Junior College Level
- Submitted the CMFP Application Form by the appropriate due date
- Submitted a written recommendation letter and statement of financial commitment from the pastor or pastoral coordinator of the parish at which they serve or from the representative of the Catholic organization/movement to which they belong.
- A personal interview with one of the CMFP Coordinators

WHEN ARE CLASSES OFFERED?

Each year of study consists of:

- An orientation day for new participants and an opening retreat for all participants in August
- 24 evening classes held from September through May (Monday nights in English, Tuesday nights in Spanish).
- Monthly Saturday workshops

WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

Classes are conducted via videoconferencing. There is a remote learning site in each of the six diocesan vicariates (pastoral regions) as well as an online eSite for those who schedules do not allow them to attend Monday or Tuesday evening sessions.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The total cost for each year of the program is \$1000. Of that, participants are expected to pay \$500 and the parish or the sponsoring Catholic organization/movement, is expected to pay \$500.

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