



ADVANCED MINISTRY STUDIES

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Office of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles offers an Advanced Ministry Studies to women and men that would like to prepare themselves with a formal formation with emphasis in catechetical, pastoral and ecclesial applications. This program will provide participants with the opportunity to be formed to exercise different roles at the parish or archdiocesan level.

The program is offered in a hybrid format, a combination of online Zoom Sessions, Moodle online, in person classes (about 3 per year).

CERTIFICATION OPTIONS:

Upon completion of classes and a process of discernment, ministers will be commissioned and certified with one of the following certifications in collaboration with the Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

1. Advanced Ministry Studies certificate
2. Archdiocesan Master Catechist

The certification program has the following formation goals:

1. Theological Foundation
2. Evangelizing Catechesis
3. Pastoral Ministry Formation and Applications
4. Pedagogy and Methodology in accordance with recent Church Documents
5. Form ministers in the Art of Accompaniment
6. Be accompanied by a team of professors and facilitators

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS FORMATION PROGRAM?

Parish Catechetical Leaders, (Religious Education coordinators, Youth Ministers, Catechists, RCIA team, Baptismal Formation teams, etc.), Catholic School religion teachers/campus ministers, lay or religious ministers that are exercising a ministry in the church or for their personal growth.

The program can either be taken for certification or for ongoing formation. Therefore, any person that wants to have formal education and grow deeper in their faith can take the classes as ongoing formation with a 50% discount.



ADVANCE MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The certification in Advanced Ministry Studies will be offered in the following three year process that consists in one Saturday a month on site or online class, and participation in our Moodle Learning Management System for forums and pastoral integration essays.

THEOLOGY YEAR

Discipleship—Missionary Discipleship and Evangelization, Theological Reflection and Spirituality, Principles of Catholic Theology and Revelation, Hebrew Scripture OT, Christian Scripture NT, Christology and Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Pneumatology, Eschatology, Mariology and the Saints, Moral Theology, Liturgy and Sacramentality, Sacrament Theology and Catholic Social Teaching.

MINISTERIAL—CATECHETICAL YEAR

Ministry—Discernment and Charisms, Christian Spirituality/Contemplative Spirituality, The Identity of Catechesis and the Catechist, Evangelization and Catechesis, The process of Catechesis: The Methodology of the Faith, Methodology in Catechesis: Faith Development and Share Christian Praxis, Living a Media Spirituality: Media Literacy, RCIA and the Catechumenal Model for Faith Formation, Catechesis in the Lives of Persons: Adults at the Center, Persons with Disabilities, migrants/emigrants, marginal persons, etc. Multiple Intelligences and Learning Styles, Intercultural Competencies - Cultural Diversity in the Church.

PRACTICUM—PASTORAL YEAR

The Joy of Accompaniment course, Public Speaking and Presentation Skills, Servant Leadership and team Dynamics (collaboration and communication), Ministry and Technology, Participation and Facilitation of the One Mission One faith project.

FACULTY Our faculty is drawn from excellent scholars in Theology and Scripture and Ministerial expertise. A diverse faculty from Saint John Seminary in Camarillo CA, LMU, Santa Clara University, Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, CT, Catholic Apostolate Center from Washington DC, etc.

2023-2024 Ministerial—Catechetical SCHEDULE

August 26, September 23, October 14, November 18, December 16, of 2023 and January 20, 2024
February 10, March 9, April 13, May 18, 5 week online course with integrations Zoom meetings on Thursdays May 29, and June 5, 12, 19, and 26 2023. Annual Retreat June 1, 2024.

FEES: The Advanced Ministry Studies registration fee is \$20.00 and \$50.00 tuition fee per class.

APPLICATION For more information or to apply visit our website [HERE](#) or
contact **Flor de Maria Luna**
Coordinator of Catechist Formation at FLuna@la-archdiocese.org

