



ADVANCED MINISTRY STUDIES

The Office of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles offers a certification in 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. Given them the opportunity to be form to exercise different roles at parish or archdiocesan level.

The program offers the certification in a hybrid format, giving opportunity to experience face-to-face and online teaching formats.

The certification program has the following five formation components:

1. Theological Foundation
2. Evangelizing Catechesis
3. Pastoral Ministry and applications
4. Pedagogy and Methodology
5. The Art of Accompaniment

Who can participate in this program? Parish Catechetical Leaders, (Religious Education coordinators, Youth Ministers, Catechists, RCIA team, Baptismal Formation teams, etc.) Catholic School religion teachers/campus minsters, lay or religious ministers (working in any ministry in the church) and/or for their own personal growth.

Any person that wants to have formal education and growth deeper in their faith can take the classes for not credit (audit the class) with special discount.

PARTICIPANTS WHO COMPLETE THIS PROCESS FOR CERTIFICATION WILL:

- Be commissioned /certified in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles with one of the following certifications:
 - ⇒ Advanced Ministry Studies
 - ⇒ Archdiocesan Master Catechist
- Be accompanied by a team of professors and facilitators



ADVANCE MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The certification in Advanced Ministry Studies consists in three year process with one Saturday on site or online class, 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.

MINISTERIAL YEAR

Ministry—Discernment and Charisms, Evangelizing Catechesis and the Catechist, Social Mission of the Church / Christian Spirituality, Faith Development and Christian Praxis, Understanding the Adults we Accompany (Adult Ministry) The Pedagogy of the Faith, Methodology in Catechesis, RCIA and the Catechumenal Model for Faith Formation, Intercultural Competencies - Cultural Diversity in the Church, Media Literacy, Special Needs.

PASTORAL YEAR

The Art of Accompaniment, Public Speaking, Presentation Skills, Team Dynamics, Ministry and Technology, Collaboration and Communication, Participation and Facilitation of One Mission One faith project.

FACULTY

Our faculty is drawn from the excellent scholars in the Religious Studies, Scripture and Pastoral Ministry areas from Saint John Seminary, LMU, Santa Clara University, Benedictine College—ATCHISON, KANSAS, Catholic Apostolate Center from Washington DC, etc.

2024-2025 SCHEDULE

2024: August 24, September 14, October 19, November 16, December 14.

2025: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 12, May 17, June 21 and Annual Retreat TBA

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

