



## PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE PROPOSAL

A modular course taken over six academic terms and including a pastoral placement with reflective practice. The purpose of the course would be to prepare people feel confident in participating more fully in the life of their parish and deanery. It could lead to paid employment within the Diocese of Clifton. What follows continues to be a work in progress.

**Cost of course** – there will be some expectation that participants will contribute to the cost of the course though the full cost will be subsidised by the Diocese.

**Modules will be taught once a month on a Saturday – though there may be some variations due to shortness of terms e.g. Lent term.**

**Acceptance on the Course would be dependent on the following criteria:**

- Support and recommendation of the Parish Priest
- Current Experience in parish ministry and/or catechesis.
- Evidence of commitment to personal spiritual growth i.e. already have or willingness to work with a spiritual director
- Willingness to engage in a discernment process including residential retreats. (one each year over a weekend)
- Over the course of two years participants will develop or oversee one project delivered over several parishes in the deanery or over all churches within one parish e.g. joint confirmation, baptism or marriage programme.
- Engage in at least one ministry and one form of catechesis over the two years

**Successful Completion of the Course will be achieved by:**

1. 80% participation in sessions over two years
2. Completion of four pieces of assessed work and a successful project over the two years
3. Successful engagement with project – as reported on by parish priest or Dean in conjunction with their mentor

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| <b>YEAR ONE</b>  |   |
| <b>MODULE ONE - ORIENTATION</b>                                  |   |
| The Narrative of Formation                                       | A Thirsting for God – Prayer                          |
| Understanding the Church - Ecclesiology                          | Reflective Practise and Journaling                    |
| Called to be a People of God – <i>Vatican II Key Documents I</i> | <i>Vatican 2 – Pope JP 2 and Pope Benedict</i>        |
| Come and See’ – Responding to God’s Call                         | The process of discernment                            |
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| <b>MODULE TWO THE CHURCH THAT WELCOMES</b>                       |   |
| Evangelii Gaudium:- <i>the Ministry of Evangelisation I</i>      | <i>The Ministry of Evangelisation 2</i>               |
| The Theology of Welcome  | The Ministry of Hospitality                           |
| Amoris Laetitia’ – <i>Welcoming the Family</i>                   | Supporting Marriage and Family Life                   |
| Christus Vivat’– <i>Young people are not aliens</i>              | Working alongside young people                        |
| Opening our doors – <i>who are my sisters and brothers?</i>      | Ways to engage those who are seeking. Alpha, Sycamore |
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| <b>RETREAT</b>   |   |
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| <b>MODULE THREE THE CHURCH THAT CELEBRATES</b>                   |   |
| The Way the Church Prays – <i>what is Liturgy?</i>               | Running a Baptismal Programme                         |
| Understanding Eucharist – <i>the shape of the Mass</i>           | Children’s Liturgy of the Word                        |
| Sacraments as Encounter  | Approaches to catechesis                              |
| RCIA   | Celebrating the Rites – <i>why they matter</i>        |
| Music as an integral part of Liturgy                             | The Purpose of a Liturgy Group                        |
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| <b>DIOCESAN DAY</b>  |   |

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| <b>YEAR TWO</b>   |   |
| <b>MODULE FOUR THE GOD WHO SPEAKS</b>                     |   |
| Understanding the Bible                                   | Gospel Based Catechesis                                       |
| The Hebrew Scriptures                                     | Using art in catechesis                                       |
| Letters and the Early Church                              | Understanding the Lectionary                                  |
| Jesus of the Gospels                                      | Forming Ministers of the Word                                 |
| The Psalms  | Lectio Divina   |
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| <b>RETREAT</b>  |   |
| <b>MODULE FIVE A LIVING CHURCH</b>                        |   |
| Catholic Social Teaching                                  | Catholic Social Teaching                                      |
| 'Gaudate et Exsultate' – <i>Living the Beatitudes</i> 1   | 'Gaudate et Exsultate' – <i>Living the Beatitudes</i> 2       |
| Canon Law and the Pastoral Minister                       | The role of the Pastoral Minister                             |
| Human Dignity and care of the person                      | The Community and Bereavement – Pastoral Care of the Bereaved |
| Developing our capacity to listen 1                       | Developing our capacity to listen 2                           |
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| <b>MODULE SIX MINISTRY</b>                                |   |
| Accompaniment – the way of Pope Francis                   | Accompaniment   |
| Working Collaboratively                                   | Managing Work Life Balance                                    |
| Working with Parish Councils                              | Working with school chaplains                                 |
| Presentations of Projects                                 | Presentation of Projects                                      |
| Focus Sessions on specific roles e.g. hospital chaplaincy |   |
| <b>DIOCESAN DAY</b>                                       |   |