



Mission

The Church Ministry Institute of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides lay men and women with a foundation in theological studies, pastoral skills, and spiritual development, integrated with preparation for ministry and service. In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, this formation program assists adults in living out their baptismal call.

Goals

The Program seeks...

...To form participants in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through ongoing conversion and holiness of life;

...To foster a greater knowledge and deeper appreciation of the Catholic Church and her teachings;

...To prepare lay men and women for ministry and service to their parish or other apostolates;

...To promote active participation in the saving mission of Christ by building up the Body of Christ in the home, workplace and the world.

Program Components

The Church Ministry Institute offers a three-year certificate program designed to enrich the faith formation of adults. Classes begin in September and end in May.

Courses: Each course is six weeks in length and taken in the following order:

Year 1

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Christian Prayer
- Church History
- Ministry Skills: Gifted by God

Year 2

- Foundations of Faith
- Liturgy
- Christian Spirituality
- Laity: Mission and Ministry
- Ministry Skills: Called by Jesus

Year 3

- Sacraments
- Christian Morality
- Spirituality and Ministry
- Ministry Skills: Sent by the Spirit

Special Features

- Mentoring
- Retreat Experience
- Spiritual Book Sharing
- Ministry Visits
- Project in Ministry

Schedules and Locations

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Tuesdays

- Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Wednesdays

- Lansdale Catholic High School, Lansdale

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Thursdays

- Saint Charles Seminary, Wynnewood
- Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia

All sites are handicap accessible and interpretation is provided for hearing impaired.



Orientation

Orientation Day for new students is the last Saturday in August

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Charles Seminary.

Session

Sessions for all years begin the second week of September.

A minimum of 15 participants needed at each site to offer the program.

A Prayer

GOD

of love and mercy,
you call us to be your people,
you gift us with your abundant grace.

Make us a holy people,
radiating the fullness of your love.

Form us into a community,
a people who care,
expressing your compassion.

Remind us day after day
of our baptismal call to serve,
with joy and courage.

Teach us how to grow

in wisdom, grace and joy in your presence.

Through Jesus and in your Spirit,
we make this prayer. Amen!

Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium



For an application . . .

Please fill in the information below and someone from our office will contact you.

Full Name _____

Mailing address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Diocese _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Mail to:

Sister Mary Ellen Diehl, IHM

Church Ministry Institute

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Download application from:

[www.archdiocese-phila.org/](http://www.archdiocese-phila.org/evangelization/churchmin.htm)

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or Google: Church Ministry Institute

Our students are saying:

I am grateful to be a part of CMI! Learning about scripture, church history, Mass and prayer have enhanced my life. My new favorite quote from the class on prayer is: *Each soul is God's favorite!*



Monica Duffy



During the course on prayer, I learned that God will listen. Praying every day helps me to understand God's love.

Ballard Shilton

The course on Christian Spirituality taught me that there are many dimensions to prayer. Some that I can relate and aspire to more fully.



Linda Glasgow



My journey through CMI has really added to my spiritual journey.

Arnold Zimmerman

Admission

- Application Form (Completed during Summer Months)
- Interview with Staff Member
- Pastor Recommendation (CMI contacts Pastor)

Fees

- \$30.00 Registration Fee (non-refundable)
- \$250.00 per semester (Two semesters per year)
- \$30.00 Program Material Yearly Fee
- Additional cost for books
Do not let finances keep you away. Arrangements can be discussed.

Contact Information

For application or more information contact:

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A Church Ministry Certificate is awarded upon completion of the entire program.



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as a

Disciple of Christ