



INTRODUCTION TO CMFP

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INTRODUCTION TO CMFP

Introduction to Continuing Ministry Formation Program (CMFP) is an intensive, eight-session intermediate course that includes the following introductory classes:

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

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

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Applicants must have:

- Completed PMFP
- Completed the online Intro to CMFP Application by the specified deadline.

WHEN ARE CLASSES OFFERED?

All classes will be conducted virtually through Zoom with the exception of Saturday, which will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center

- Saturday May 4, (8:30am-4:00pm) - Diocesan Pastoral Center
- Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21, & 28 (7:00pm-9:30pm) - Zoom
- Tuesday, June 4, 11 & 18 (7:00pm-9:30pm) - Zoom

WHAT DO YOU NEED FOR THE COURSE?

You will need a computer with internet access.

WHAT IS THE COST?

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

HOW DO I APPLY?

Speak with your pastor, 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. Complete the online application accessible on the MFI website, www.mfisbdioocese.org. Submit all of the required materials by April 15, 2024 to:

Ministry Formation Institute-CMFP
Diocese of San Bernardino
1201 E. Highland Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92404
or email to cmfp@sbdioocese.org.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Continuing Ministry Formation Program (CMFP) is an advanced formation & credential program for adults seeking faith enrichment, for those who desire to serve in ministerial leadership, and those considering the diaconate. CMFP prepares lay leaders to serve the Church and to support the Pastor or Pastoral Coordinator in implementing the parish and diocesan vision.

Based on national certification standards, the program consists of three years of formation covering human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dimensions of ministry. The theological formation follows the pattern described below. Monthly Saturday workshops help integrate the human, spiritual, and pastoral 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:

Christology, Jesus and His Mission

This is a study of the historical Jesus and the Jesus of faith as understood by the early disciples and Fathers. We examine the early church's understanding of the Paschal Mystery and the humanity and divinity of Jesus as articulated in the Nicene Creed. We also look at contemporary Christologies while always applying insights to our own lives.

Year 3:

The Church Continues the Mission of Jesus

This is a study of the Church beginning with Pentecost and moving to this Post Vatican II era. We examine her history, ecclesiology, Sacramental Theology, Moral Theology, and we review the development of Catholic Social Doctrine. 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 today.

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ADVANCED MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION

At the end of three years of theological study, participants begin 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
- Life and Dignity Ministries
- Adult Faith Formation Ministries

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Applicants for CMFP must have:

- Completed PFMP.
- Completed the eight session intermediate course "Intro to CMFP".
- Demonstrated the ability to read and write at the High School graduate level.
- Submitted the CMFP Application by the appropriate due date.
- Submitted a statement of financial commitment from the pastor of the parish at which they serve or from the representative of the Catholic organization/movement to which they belong.
- A personal interview with the CMFP Program Director.

WHEN ARE CLASSES OFFERED?

Each year of study consists of:

- A retreat and orientation day for all students in August.
- 25 evening classes held from September through May (Monday nights in English, Tuesday nights in Spanish).
- Monthly Saturday workshops.

WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

Classes, held in Zoom, are Monday night in English and Tuesday night in Spanish. The monthly Formation Saturdays are held in person at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

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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