

## Request form

Name:

Address

Phone:

Parish:

Email:

## Indication of interest

Those interested in applying for admission or interested in receiving further information about the program are invited to complete the attached form or email or phone the office of Adult Faith Formation.

Other steps will include:  
--consultation with appropriate persons (your spouse, family, parish priest and others who can help you discern)  
--submission of an application when a positive decision has been reached  
--arranging an interview with the selection committee.

## Cost

Costs for the program are substantial. The Diocese and parishes will underwrite the program (therefore you must have the support of your parish priest and parish community), and each candidate will be expected to pay \$500 per year, plus transportation and books.

Some financial support may be available upon request.

## Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program

Diocese of Saint John

Beginning September 2011



Seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,  
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.  
Matthew 13:8

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All Catholic Christians are called to play a role in the life and mission of the Church, a role that is ours through baptism. Those called to particular roles in parishes and communities need ongoing support and faith development. This program is a two-year journey of faith formation, specifically designed for adult lay women and men, already serving in some aspect of ministry and seeking further spiritual, intellectual and community nurturing and formation.

Whether you are involved in catechetics, liturgy, CWL, Knights of Columbus, parish pastoral council, social committees, outreach, pastoral care or the many other ways in which we build and support our communities, you are invited to consider enrolling in the program to enrich your faith and support your involvement in new and rewarding ways.

Called specifically to be “co-responsible” for the church’s life and mission, lay women and men are challenged by the documents of Vatican II and subsequent papal encyclicals to be well-informed in faith, enthusiastic for God’s work and

capable of leadership in the Church and in society.

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation program will begin in September 2011 and include: Scripture, theology, spirituality & prayer, liturgy, church history, leadership development, society & culture, and social justice. The second year of the program will include a practicum, incorporating a service role in parish or community ministry.

### **Candidates**

All committed Catholic adults who show some leadership ability are encouraged to apply. Other important indicators include:

- a spiritually sound faith life
- an active role in parish or community ministry
- an ability and willingness to learn
- an ability and affinity for relating with others
- an openness to the teachings of Vatican II
- the support of your parish priest and community

### **Format**

This two-year program will adopt a weekend format. Eight weekends will be held at Villa Madonna Retreat House in Saint John, one weekend in the Miramichi and one in Fredericton. Weekends will begin on Friday evening and conclude shortly after noon on Sunday. These will be live-in experiences, designed to enrich the candidates’ personal spiritual growth, enhance knowledge of the Catholic faith and build community. Simultaneously, the candidates will be developing their leadership gifts and pastoral competence for a variety of ministries.

### **Weekends involved**

Sept 9-11	Feb 24-26
Oct 21-22	Mar 9-11
Nov TBA (Miramichi)	Apr 27-29
Dec 16-18	May TBA (Fredericton)
Jan 20-22	June 22-24