

The Enlightener
The LPMP Newsletter
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New Student Applications

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program is accepting applications for the three year Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, the two year Certificate program and the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Administration. As you already know, the Athenaeum is a great place to study Church doctrine, to enhance ministerial skills, to grow as men and women of faith, and to meet dedicated Catholics from around the diocese.

Many new participants come into the program through the encouragement of other students and graduates. Please invite a friend or parishioner to call the LPMP office for more information about classes forming in the fall. If you are interested in helping with information meetings, recruitment of new students or publicity, please contact the LPMP office at 513-231-1200 for more information.

Intent to Graduate

If you intend to (or think you might) graduate in October 2009, please email the LPMP director, smcgurgan@athenaeum.edu and notify us of your intention. This will insure that you receive timely information about cap and gown rental (for MAPM students), the graduation retreat, fees, invitations and other graduation news as it becomes available. Deadlines to remember for those graduating in October, 2009:

- Project Proposals must be received by February 28th.
- Project Board Meetings must be held by April 30th
- Final Project Reports should be bound and received in the LPMP office by August 15th
- Theological Reflection Units must be completed by August 15th
- All incomplete course work must be completed by August 15th
- All Mentoring Reports must be completed by August 15th
- All Field Education material: logs, reflection, self-evaluation and Supervisor's evaluation must be completed by August 15th

If you intend to graduate in October and have questions regarding any of these requirements, please contact your advisor.

Save the date: LPMP Day of Reflection August 29, 2009

The annual LPMP Day of Reflection will be Saturday, August 29th from 9:30 to 3:30 pm, at the Bartlett Pastoral Center and will include a continental breakfast and lunch. We are looking at several possible speakers and topics for the retreat. Final details will be sent in early summer. Past retreats have been faith-filled opportunities to reflect, pray, and learn more about the Catholic Church. Our retreats typically cost \$45, and are open to the public.

Tribunal Training Course

Spring Quarter, Wednesday 7-9:40 PM The Athenaeum

The Tribunal training course guides participants through the Church's law and practice relative to marriage cases. Participants finishing the course with at least a "B" average and successfully completing a supervised internship may be certified as a procurator/advocate for the Tribunal, able to assist those seeking help with marriage cases at the parish level. This class is a certificate level course and may not be used as an MAPM elective. It is open to all students. It is not a requirement for the LPMP program, but is required for application into the Diaconate Program. Attendance is expected at all class sessions. Enrollment is via the regular Athenaeum registration process.

Field Education

If you are considering starting your field education component of the program in the near future, please contact Tom Giordano (tgiordano@athenaeum.edu) to set up a time to review the field education manual.

Theological Reflection Requirement

Two units of Theological Reflection are required for graduation. Unit I is typically completed at the Orientation to Theological Studies for newly admitted students. Unit II is completed after a minimum of 50 hours of Field Education. All students who have completed at least 50 hours of field education may register for the next TR II session scheduled for March 12 and 19th (both sessions are mandatory). If you are uncertain about your eligibility, please contact your advisor. To register, please email Kari at kboss@athenaeum.edu. MAPM students who completed the Integrating Unit with seminarians in the fall quarter have fulfilled the TR requirements