

Online

Ongoing Diaconal Formation (ODF)

Fulfilling an Unmet Need in an Innovative Way

Responding to the new requirement to provide five years post-ordination formation, Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute offers affordable, high quality content, delivered through an innovative learning management system to assist and support bishops and their diaconal directors in their responsibility for ensuring suitable ongoing growth for those called to this ordained ministry

Grounded in the Heart of the Church

Rooted in the *Basic Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons* and the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States of America*, the post-ordination formation we provide is firstly centered upon the spiritual life of the deacon with the goal of drawing him into an ever deepening communion with Christ the Servant

Providing a Flexible Turnkey Approach

We recognize that diocesan needs vary, and flexible support needs to be made available to supplement and cohere with what is offered locally. This track provides sets of workshops designed to attune currently serving deacons to ministerial roles assigned to them in parish life, allowing a diocese to effectively and flexibly address the needs of deacons serving in a myriad of different parish circumstances and types of challenges.

Forming those who form others.

[I]n the same way as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many, you deacons must do the same, even if that means giving your life for your brothers and sisters...



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We are happy to give **free access** to **diaconal directors**. Email us at CI@franciscan.edu for an access code.

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The tasks in these workshops have been designed and modified for diaconal spirituality and ministry.

Preface Workshops

1. Spirituality of the Diaconate
2. Theology of the Diaconate, Parts I & II

For Deacons Serving As...

Pastoral Caregiver

1. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan
2. Giving Counsel and Pastoral Care
3. Dealing with Crisis & Conflict from a Christian Perspective
4. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Empathic Listening
5. Building the Mentoring Relationship: Asking Good Questions
6. Disciplining Adults

Youth Ministry Leader

1. Personality and Profile of the Successful PCL
2. The Family as the Context of Catechesis
3. Planning for Success: Program Organization and Assessment
4. Catechetical Mentorship
5. First Penance and First Eucharist Preparation
6. Confirmation Preparation

Catechist Trainer

1. The Vocation of the Catechist
2. Pedagogy of Revelation & Response of Faith
3. Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis
4. Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis
5. The Deposit of Faith: Introduction to the Catechism
6. The Ecclesial Method

Evangelization Outreach Leader

1. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
2. Kerygma: Delivering the Gospel Proclamation
3. Conversion in Modern Culture
4. Being Guided and Guiding Souls
5. An Introduction to Spiritual Combat
6. Discipling Adults

RCIA Leader

1. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice
2. Three Approaches to the RCIA Process
3. Liturgical Components of the Christian Initiation Process
4. Catechetical Components of the Christian Initiation Process
5. Pastoral Components of the Christian Initiation Process
6. Developing a Team: Creating an Environment for Conversion

Forming Deacon Catechists

1. Philosophical Foundations of Catechetics
2. Introduction to Objective Truth
3. Essential Link Between Liturgy and Catechesis
4. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
5. Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine
6. Analyzing Doctrine with Doctrinal Keys

Parish Catechetical Leader

1. Personality and Profile of the Successful PLC
2. The Family as the Context of Catechesis
3. Planning for Success: Program Organization and Assessment
4. Catechetical Mentorship
5. First Penance and First Eucharist Preparation
6. Confirmation Preparation

Adult Formation Leader

1. The Human Person
2. Adult Catechetical Methodology & Learning Styles
3. Catechesis: Echoing What God has Revealed
4. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
5. A Guide to Echoing the Mystery: Unlocking the Deposit of Faith in Catechesis
6. Understanding the Liturgy

Parent/Family Formation Leader

1. A Foundational Vision: Community of the Family
2. Family: Domestic Church & School of Holiness
3. Theology of the Family
4. Fostering Holiness in Children
5. Parent Saints
6. Shifting to Family-Centered Formation

Pro-Life Outreach Leader

1. The Human Person
2. Our Life in Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality
3. A Foundational Vision: Theology of the Body
4. Unlocking the Rich Treasure of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Part 3
5. Conversion in Modern Culture
6. Giving Counsel and Pastoral Care
7. An Introduction to Spiritual Combat