

ELM is an initiative of the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis which serves to promote greater vitality and vibrancy in our parishes.

ELM stands for the tenets of the program, which are our goals for the beneficiaries of this initiative:

- Evangelizing Catechesis
- Lifelong Formation
- Missionary Discipleship



The Leadership Formation branch of ELM is 1.5 years of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation, providing a ministerial foundation for:

- Those who are entering a new ministry
- Those who have ministerial experience but need theological or pastoral development
- Those who wish to participate in ongoing formation in ministry



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INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNITY

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Leadership Formation

Ministerial Mentor

Courses (9)

(Online and in-person)

Core Courses (6)

Online Through STEP (5)

Live Through CBS (1)

Electives (3)

Formation Days

Written Reflections

Certificate of Completion

Ongoing Formation

Six (6) core courses will be required, in a hybrid model of online and in-person classes. They are:

- Core Course: Introduction to the Catholic Faith
- Making Sense of the Bible in the Catholic Tradition
- Ecclesiology
- Liturgy: A Guide for the Perplexed
- Catholic Social Teaching
- The Intercultural Church: Theological Foundations and Pastoral Practices

Three (3) elective courses will be required, of the participant's choice.

Reflections will be prepared three times over the duration of the program, and written in collaboration with one's ministerial mentor and pastor/supervisor; Coursework, parish ministry experience, mentor conversations, and formation days will all provide material for reflection.

A key component of leadership is a commitment to ongoing formation, after formal formation has ended. The OEEC offers a variety of opportunities for ongoing formation in parish ministry.

A volunteer mentor should be someone who is currently ministering in, or has in the past ministered in the participant's own area of ministry; a mentor should also be prepared to engage consistently with the participant as adviser, guide, and conversation partner to assist in reflection and growth throughout the program. The OEEC is prepared to assist with mentor pairings as needed.

Formation Days will be day-long gatherings of the cohort to provide in-person community-building, as well as formation on ministry-specific topics.

Those who complete the program receive a certificate of completion from the Archbishop at the annual Archdiocesan Awards Ceremony.

For more information and to apply, visit:

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