

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 for parish lay leaders in the parishes of the Archdiocese, 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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Leadership Formation Branch of



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INSPIRING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNITY

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Leadership Formation

Ministerial Mentor

Courses (8)
(Online and in-person)

Core Courses (6)

Online Through STEP (5)

Live Through CBS (1)

Electives (2)

In-Person Gatherings

Formation Days

"Coffee and Conversation"

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

Two (2) 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.

Other opportunities for community-building will be offered throughout the process, such as monthly "Coffee and Conversation" gatherings and evenings of reflection.

Those who complete the program receive a certificate of completion from the Archbishop at a ceremony celebrating those who complete the ELM process.

For more information and to apply, visit:
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