Pastoral Ministry Formation

Fall 2020

Pastoral Ministry Formation gathers learners from across western Kansas (Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina) into a learning community providing mutual support as they learn deeply the truths of the faith to serve and to lead others in the mission of Jesus: proclaiming God’s reconciling mercy.

Church in Partnership

Diocese of Dodge City
Diocese of Salina
Newman University
Diploma in Catechetical Ministry is an area of focus within the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program.

Pastoral Ministry Formation Program of the Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina with Newman University has for the past 25 years followed the admonition of Ephesians 4:12, “equip the saints for the work of ministry”. PMF Program’s vision is to invite learners into a learning community across western Kansas. In this respectful environment learners take steps from catechesis into theological reflection. Participants are not just focused on ‘knowing about’ things, but growing spiritually as they hone skill in ministry.

The Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina in affiliation with Newman University of Wichita, Kansas certifies that has completed fifteen college credits of theology in fulfillment of the prescribed Course of Study for this Diploma in Catechetical Ministry.

To obtain the Diploma one needs to complete 4 - three hour courses and 3 - one hour courses for credit.

THEO 3053 Sacramental Theology (3 credit hours)
A study of the theological and spiritual underpinnings of the liturgy, with specific application to each sacrament. Most of the course will focus on the Eucharist.

*This course is one of the 3 hour courses that may be used to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry or Youth Ministry or the Diploma in Catechetical Ministry.

Saturday mornings - 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Class Dates - Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov. 7, 14

Location - Interactive Television Sites throughout Dodge City and Salina Dioceses

Cost:
- 3 hr. course for college credit - $150.00*
- 3 hr. course for enrichment - $75.00*
*Does not include books

Fr. Frank Coady, STD, is pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan, KS, and Director of the Offices of Liturgy, Deacons, and Lay Ministry Formation of the Diocese of Salina. He received his bachelor’s degree in philosophy from St. Thomas Seminary College, Denver, and an S.T.L. degree in fundamental theology and Doctorate in dogmatic theology, from Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

THEO 4881 Accompanying Youth and Young Adults on their Journey (1 credit hour)
Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, young people are filled with questions. They want someone to walk with them in their questioning. This class shares paths of accompaniment.

*This course is one of the 1 hour courses that may be used to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Youth Ministry or the Diploma in Catechetical Ministry.

Four Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Class Dates - Aug. 26, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4

Location - Interactive Television Sites throughout Dodge City and Salina Dioceses

Cost:
- 1 hr. course for college credit - $50.00*
- Personal enrichment - $25.00*
*Does not include books

Rick Smith is beginning his 11th year as Jr. High and High School Youth Minister at St. Thomas More, a parish of 900 families in Manhattan, KS. Rick is married to Kelley and they have three daughters, Carly, Kendall, and Mallory. Rick has a B.S. in Radio and Television and a M.S. in Counseling.

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Pastoral Ministry Formation Tri-focus
Study Theology, Develop Skills, Grow Spiritually