

# Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute LPMI Diocese of St. Petersburg Fact Sheet

*The LPMI is built on a tripod of:  
Theology ~ Spirituality ~ Ministry Formation*



*"God's People Doing God's Work"*

- **In accordance with the teachings and tenets of the Roman Catholic Church; LPMI equips lay men and women with knowledge and skills to carry out ministry competently, collaboratively, and professionally.**
- **The LPMI is accredited by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Certification & Accreditation. Students receive a certificate in foundational pastoral ministry leadership after the completion of four years of study.**
- **LPMI offers contemporary education and ongoing faith formation. Our skilled instructors include a variety of priests, deacons and laity who are active in ministerial roles in our diocese.**
- **The Bishop of the Diocese formally commissions students that complete the LPMI requirements. The Institute has commissioned 325 lay ecclesial ministers in our diocese since its inception in 1998.**
- **LPMI classes include Word of God, Lay Leadership Skills, Spiritual Formation, Conflict Resolution and Diversity Issues, Liturgy, Social Justice, the Sacraments, and Canon Law.**
- **LPMI offers theological reflection sessions, under the guidance of a mentor; to help participants more fully understand and discern the power, presence, activity and will of God through analysis and reflection.**
- **Practicum experience in the final year gives students hands-on experience in ministry in their home parish.**
- **Participants come from all walks of parish life and with 70+ parishes in the diocese, this makes for a rich and diverse experience. Over 1,100 people from all over the Diocese have participated in LPMI classes.**
- **LPMI strives to link lay ministers to a wide variety of diocesan resources which will help them effectively engage in community leadership.**
- **LPMI emphasizes collaboration with pastors, to identify current and future ministerial needs of parishioners, the Diocese, and the community at large.**

**For more information about the LPMI program, contact Dale Brown at [dpb@dosp.org](mailto:dpb@dosp.org) or 727-344-1611, ext. 5458**

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