

Greetings & Welcome!

The Liturgical Institute of the Diocese of Gary provides an environment in which participants may study liturgy in depth. The curriculum involves information, days of formation, and hopefully spiritual transformation. Participants begin to be immersed in the study of liturgy. This in turn strengthens participants in liturgical ministry, in order that they may be formed to "do" the work of liturgy. This work, or ministry, may be serving on a liturgical commission or providing training for liturgical ministers or by ministering in music.

Through the comprehensive study participants will be prepared with the education, formation and experience to minister well, though possession of the certificate does not guarantee ministry placement in a parish.

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide a comprehensive foundation in the academic, pastoral, and theological realms of liturgy with a strong emphasis on methods for pastoral liturgical practice in the parish.

Administered by the diocesan Office of Worship, the *Liturgical Institute* of the Diocese of Gary is divided into two tracks. Track one consists of the first year of course work. Persons who may wish to enter track one are those on the worship commission or those active in liturgical ministry.

Track two leads to the two-year certificate program for persons who are already engaged in significant liturgical ministry in the parish. Thus, persons accepted into the certificate program must complete both years as well as formation days and the two retreats. The certificate will only be awarded upon successful completion of all requirements. This second track is ideal for liturgical coordinators, music directors, sacristans, graduates of the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program, and commission chairs.

Who Should Apply

The program is geared to those whose major ministry will include significant liturgical responsibilities. Strong candidates for admission include pastors, associate pastors, deacons, directors of music and/or choirs, liturgical musicians, spirituality and worship commission chairs, coordinators of Christian initiation, faith formation/religious education coordinators, youth ministers, environment and art coordinators, sacristans, graduates of the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program, and diocesan staff members. Those who market religious and/or liturgical goods and services for parish use are also appropriate candidates for admission.

Curriculum

The program consists of two tracks: (1) participation in year one or (2) successful completion of both years and all course work. The track two certificate program will span four semesters with two weekend retreats (Friday night through Sunday afternoon) and four days of reflection which are held on Saturdays. There are no classes scheduled during the summer. The weekly sessions are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center. The program is designed to meet the needs of parishes.

Coursework, taught by instructors from the Diocese of Gary, Archdiocese of Chicago and Notre Dame University, will include:

YEAR I

SEMESTER I: Autumn 2008

- **Liturgy of the Hours**
- **Liturgical Document Series**
 - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*
 - Sacramentary*
 - General Instruction of the Roman Missal*
 - General Norms for the Liturgical Year*
 - Built of Living Stones*
 - Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*
 - Music in Catholic Worship*
 - Liturgical Music Today*
 - General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours*
 - Lectionary*
 - Lectionary for Masses with Children*
- **Liturgical Year**

SEMESTER II: Spring 2009

- **Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist)**
- **Liturgical Prayer**
- **The Psalms and Liturgy**

FORMATION MINISTRIES:

Lector

Environment and Art

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Lay Leader of Prayer

YEAR II

SEMESTER I: Autumn 2009

- Sacraments of Vocation & Healing
- Order of Christian Funerals
- Liturgy and the Arts
- Liturgy, Justice and Ethics
- Multicultural Liturgy
- Liturgical Spirituality

SEMESTER II: Spring 2010

- **The Liturgy Team**
- **Training Liturgical Ministers**
 - Skills for lay leaders of prayer*
 - Skills and principles for training liturgical ministers in the parish*
 - Liturgy and religious education/schools*
 - Worship and adolescents*
 - Liturgy with persons with disabilities*
- **Parish-wide Formation**

FORMATION MINISTRIES:

Ministry of Initiation

Liturgy Commission

Adult Formation

Tuition and Fees

A table of the cost of tuition is below.

Please note: The costs below do not include the additional costs of retreats and textbooks.

There are three rates: individual, group rate for five or more individuals from a specific parish and *a rate per topic for those who wish to participate in a particular topic*. The rate per topic is designed for those who wish to participate in a topic(s) (e.g.. liturgical year) without enrolling in either track I and track II. A schedule of topics with dates and cost is available. Advance notice, however, is required--in order that the Office of Worship might have an indication of the number of participants for any given topic.

INDIVIDUAL RATE

\$175 per semester

GROUP RATE (5+)
20% discount per semester

RATES PER TOPIC

Please contact the Office of Worship for dates and cost of topic.

To Apply

Applications may be obtained from your pastor, the Office of Worship, or [click here](#) to view and print the application.

NOTE: the application form is in PDF format which requires the adobe acrobat reader to view and print..

For additional information please call or e-mail Kristopher Seaman in the Office of Worship.

Application deadline is July 28, 2008.

All applicants will be interviewed prior to their acceptance in the program.

YEAR I: Semester I: Autumn 2008

Liturgical Theology	Sep. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct.2
Liturgical Documents	Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6
Liturgical Year	Nov. 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18

YEAR I: Semester II: Winter/Spring 2009

Initiation and Eucharist	TBD
Liturgical Prayer	TBD
The Psalms and Liturgy	TBD

YEAR II: Semester I: Autumn 2009

Sacraments of Vocation	TBD
Sacraments of Healing	TBD
Order of Christian Funerals	TBD
Liturgy and the Arts	TBD
Liturgy, Justice and Ethics	TBD
Multicultural Liturgy	TBD

YEAR II: Semester II: Winter/Spring 2010

Introduction to Practicum	TBD
The Liturgy Team	TBD
Preliminary Reports: Practicum work	TBD
Training: Lay Leaders of Prayer	TBD
Training Liturgical Ministers	TBD
Liturgical and Catechesis	TBD
Practicums	TBD

Comments

"THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE PROVIDES A MEANS OF DISCOVERING THE RICHNESS AND DEPTH OF THE LITURGY IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION.... THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE ALSO HELPS TO FOSTER A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF THE LIFE OF PRAYER IN THE CHURCH...."

"THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE IS A SHOULD HAVE, MUST HAVE STUDY FOR EVERY PARISHIONER IN THE DIOCESE. THIS STUDY BRINGS INSIGHT TO SO MANY QUESTIONS THAT WE AS CATHOLICS SEARCH FOR. IT IS AN EYE OPENER..., WITH A STRONG BIBLICAL BASE FOUNDATION AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE [WHICH] TELLS US CATHOLICS [ABOUT] THE RICHNESS OF OUR FAITH...."

"THE INSTRUCTORS WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THEIR SUBJECT AND HELPED US GRASP THE MATERIAL. I HAVE A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE CHURCH. ONE OF THE BIG BENEFITS OF THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE FOR ME IS THAT IT HELPED ME GROW SPIRITUALLY.

WHAT I LEARNED IN THE INSTITUTE HELPED ME IN MY MINISTRIES SUCH AS RCIA, BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM AND AS MEMBER OF THE LITURGY COMMITTEE IN MY PARISH. AS A CLASS WE PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS TOGETHER AND WE HAVE BECOME A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BONDED TOGETHER."

