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CHRISTIFIDELES CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL CARE AND ACCOMPANIMENT

This 9-month certificate program equips participants with the practical skills and abilities necessary for effective pastoral care and accompaniment ministry within the Archdiocese of Seattle. The curriculum includes formation in human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral skills as well as a pastoral practicum during the summer. It will also equip ministers to successfully accompany others who are hurting, particularly those on the margins, in a diverse range of cultural contexts and ministerial settings.

This certificate program is for current and future pastoral care and outreach ministers, both paid and volunteer, and others who desire to minister in various capacities in their parish families and surrounding communities. Participants attend classes as a cohort within the Christifideles program and benefit from retreats, evenings of reflection, and other Christifideles activities.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Opens: **November 5, 2024**

Deadline to apply: **January 10, 2025**

Decisions announced: **January 15, 2025**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULE

Winter Term 2025

Developing Human, Spiritual, Intellectual and Pastoral Skills for Care and Accompaniment

Following the Archdiocese of Seattle's Pastoral Plan, "Knowing Jesus Christ, Embracing His Mission," this course examines our call to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:18-20) by developing ministerial skills for pastoral care.

Important dates:

- Tuition payment deadline: **January 30, 2025**
- Classes begin: **February 15, 2025**
- Archbishop's Luncheon: TBD
- Classes end: **March 26, 2025**

Course schedule:

- 3 in-person classes: **2/15, 3/15, 3/29**
(9am - 3pm Saturdays)
- 4 online classes: **2/19, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26**
(6 - 9pm Wednesdays)

Spring Term 2025

Intercommunication Skills for Pastoral Ministers

This skills-based curriculum provides grounding in the practical skills of intercommunication to serve a diverse range of populations.

Important dates:

- Tuition payment deadline: **April 30, 2025**
- Classes begin: **May 3, 2025**
- Spring Day of Reflection: **March 12, 2025**
- Classes end: **May 28**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person classes: **5/3, 5/31**
(9am - 3pm Saturdays)
- 4 online classes: **5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28**
(6 - 9pm Wednesdays)

Summer Term 2025

Practicum

During the summer of 2025, participants in the program will engage in a practicum offering practical pastoral experience.

Important dates:

- Tuition payment deadline: **May 30, 2025**
- Summer Practicum begins: **June 21, 2025**

Fall Term 2025

A Theology of Accompaniment

This course explores a theology of accompaniment as it applies to the work of pastoral care including the thought of Pope Francis and relevant church documents.

Important dates:

- Tuition payment deadline: **August 15, 2025**
- Classes begin: **September 6, 2025**
- Fall Day Retreat: **TBD**
- Fall Day of Reflection: **TBD**
- Classes end: **September 24, 2025**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person classes: **9/6, 9/27**
(9am - 3pm Saturdays)
- 3 online classes: **9/10, 9/17, 9/24**
(6 - 9pm Wednesdays)

COST OF CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

	PER SEMESTER/COURSE	TOTAL COST (ALL 4 COURSES)
Tuition Cost	\$500	\$2000
Scholarship through Christifideles	\$375	\$1500
YOUR COST	\$125	\$500