Christifideles

Ongoing formation for lay ministers

Transform the way you serve

Christifideles, the Archdiocese of Seattle's lay ministry formation program is offering three 100-hour certification programs starting January 2027. These programs offer human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation through a mix of online classes, in-person formation, a retreat, opportunity for direct ministry, and more.

NEW: Certificate for Parish Leadership

The 12-month Certificate in Parish Leadership is a comprehensive formation program designed to equip leaders with the practical knowledge, leadership skills and spiritual foundation necessary to lead thriving parish communities. Participants will develop the competencies needed to strengthen parish operations, foster healthy ministry teams, steward resources responsibly and advance the Church's mission of evangelization and discipleship with confidence, wisdom and faithful leadership.

NEW: Certificate for Pastoral Juvenil (taught in Spanish)

This 12-month Certificate in Pastoral Juvenil, offered in Spanish, is designed for participants to acquire and develop practical skills to conduct effective youth and young adult ministry in a Hispanic/Latino context within the Archdiocese of Seattle. Building on key learning from the rich experience of Pastoral Juvenil Hispana in the U.S., this 100-hour curriculum integrates human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation, as well as a practicum to prepare participants for this ministry.

Hispanic Ministry Certificate (taught in Spanish)

This 12-month certificate program equips participants with the practical skills and abilities necessary for effective ministry in a Hispanic context within the Archdiocese of Seattle. Drawing from key insights emerging from the rich Hispanic/Latino Ministry experience in the U.S., the curriculum includes formation in human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral skills as well as a pastoral practicum component.

Application deadline: November 15, 2026
Program begins in January 2027.
Learn more and apply at archseattle.org/Christifideles

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