

# LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO INSTITUTE OF PASTORAL STUDIES

## CERTIFICATE *in* PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is a customized Professional Development Programme offered by Loyola University Chicago in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and other dioceses of England. Modules are six weeks long and are offered online beginning in February 2021.

**Please visit the IPS website for more details:**

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# A NEW CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY FOR DIOCESES IN ENGLAND

**T**his unique opportunity is available for dioceses in England. This Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is being offered by Loyola University Chicago and has the support of local dioceses.

The customized certificate will consist of ten (10) six-week modules delivered in an online format allowing participants the freedom and flexibility of study in their own home. Integral to the course will be three days for participants to meet each other face to face facilitated by Catherine Darby SND and Mrs Veronica Murphy who are the UK co-ordinators for the course. They will gather students together for prayer, reflection and creative engagement with the overall themes. Each diocese will provide a local contact person for administration and pastoral support during the two-year course. Participants will need to be serious about their own faith development, willing to serve in the local church and have competent computer skills.

It is a non-degree, non-credit programme offered over two years, equipping teachers, deacons, catechists, and lay leaders with up-to-date knowledge, skills, and education for contemporary pastoral ministry. Those who successfully complete the entire ten module series will receive a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry from Loyola University Chicago.

The course will model adult learning and shared praxis and be rooted in theological texts and the lived experience of participants. Each module will require approximately 20 hours of time for on-line engagement, reading and reflection.

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# These are the ten modules offered and their respective dates:

## **WHAT IS PASTORAL MINISTRY?** 6 February - 19 March 2021

Students will explore what being called to pastoral ministry in the Church means today.

## **GOD WHO REVEALS: LOOKING AT THE OLD TESTAMENT** 10 April - 22 May 2021

Students will be introduced to the whole range of Old Testament texts revealing a God who loves God's People.

## **CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES: LOOKING AT THE NEW TESTAMENT** 5 June - 16 July 2021

Students will explore the New Testament texts with particular attention to the ministry of Jesus and of his followers.

## **MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: THE STORY OF THE CHURCH IN BRITAIN** 28 August - 8 October 2021

Students will explore the historical background to the current situation of the Christian churches in Britain.

## **VISION OF THE CHURCH: VATICAN II** 16 October - 26 November 2021

This course covers the story and promise of the Council, including a study of selected texts, discussions over its interpretation and implementation, and a dynamic view of its on-going relevance for the Church's self-identity.

## **HOLINESS AND WHOLENESS: HOW WE GROW AS PEOPLE OF FAITH** 5 February - 18 March 2022

Students will explore human, spiritual and psychological development and the unique call each person receives to be fully human and alive.

## **MAKING CONNECTIONS: CATECHESIS AS SHARING FAITH TODAY** 2 April - 20 May 2022

This course will deepen students' understanding of catechesis and its importance for the life and mission of the Church particularly the priority of adult formation. It will explore 'critical conversation' as an essential process for growth and development, and the relationship between evangelisation, catechesis and religious education.

## **BUILDING PARISH COMMUNITIES** 4 June - 15 July 2022

Parishes are where many Catholics experience their faith in community. Contemporary and emerging models for building parish communities will be explored in detail. Students will also learn about best practices for healthy parishes and effective collaboration and team work.

## **BUILDING A FAIRER WORLD: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING** 27 August - 7 October 2022

Students will become familiar with the development of Catholic Social Thought and Practice in relation to particular contemporary global and local issues. Particular attention will be given to history, texts, methodology and significant figures.

## **SERVING AND LEADING: SKILLS AND STRATEGIES FOR MINISTRY** 15 October - 25 November 2022

Students will explore the skills and strategies of effective pastoral ministry.

## Information WEBINAR SESSIONS,

**Come and join us to find out more!**

To receive the webinar link for our information sessions, please register on the Liverpool archdiocesan website <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma>

### Dates and times:

- Tuesday 27 October: 10. 30am – 12. 00pm
- Thursday 29 October: 7. 00pm – 8. 30pm
- Wednesday 4 November: 7. 00pm – 8. 30pm
- Saturday 7 November: 2. 00pm – 3. 30pm
- Tuesday 17 November: 7. 00pm – 8. 30pm

### Getting Started

**The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry course begins with an Induction Gathering on:**

- Saturday 23 January in the North East or
- Saturday 30 January in the North West

Enrolment for either course must be completed no later than 8 December 2020.



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