

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY
(ROMAN CATHOLIC STUDIES)
QUEEN'S COLLEGE



- ***Do you thirst to know more about your faith?***
- ***Are you searching for help in your prayer life?***
- ***Do you hear a call to deepen your faith and do you have what it takes to answer?***
- ***Do you seek a sound theological foundation for the ministry you offer in the Church?***

The Diploma in Theology and Ministry a lay formation program offered by Queen's College, has been offered since 1992. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's and Queen's College are collaborating to offer a Roman Catholic Stream within the Diploma in Theology and Ministry Program. The RC Stream is designed to help Roman Catholics and people of other denominations and traditions spend time deepening their prayer lives, sharing their faith and life experiences, studying Theology and learning more about the Roman Catholic faith. The program provides times of learning, times of friendship and community, times of discernment and times of growing ever closer to Christ.

- Two-year program: twelve weekends per year (six weekends per semester)
- Tuition fees: \$400.00 per year (parishes may sponsor or subsidize candidates)
- Books and other educational resources total approximately \$100.00 per year

Do you think this program is for you?

For more information, contact your parish or Anne Walsh, DMin at awalsh@rcsj.org

You must apply directly to Queen's College:

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PURPOSE, GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

The Archdiocese of St. John's and the Faculty of Theology at Queen's College, Memorial University offer a program of formation for lay persons who share in parish/institutional ministry and life.

PURPOSE

The Diploma in Theology and Ministry is designed, over a period of two years, to give the candidates some of the pastoral, spiritual, and academic formation they will need to serve more effectively as ministers in the Church.

GOALS

This Diploma in Theology and Ministry is designed to assist candidates:

- deepen their spiritual life and relationship with God
- understand that Baptism is a call to community and ministry
- realize personal gifts and to help them use those gifts in ministry to God's people
- grow spiritually in word, worship and service within the faith community
- develop ministerial leadership skills
- be formed for more effective ministry
- gain a broader vision of the Church and its theology
- through a practicum, develop skills for pastoral ministry and theological reflection

EXPECTATIONS

- One of the goals of the Diploma in Theology and Ministry is that the program aims to assist in the formation of candidates for more effective volunteer, part-time and full time ministry.
- Candidates who are sponsored, supported or receive funding from their parish or from the Archdiocese of St. John's are not ensured part-time or full-time employment upon completion of their studies.

For more information, contact:
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**GENERAL CRITERIA FOR SELECTING CANDIDATES FOR SPONSORSHIP
BY A PARISH OR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S**

CANDIDATES:

- should possess a personal desire to serve others by leading them in the practice of the faith
- should be mature men and women actively practicing the faith
- should possess the ability to work collaboratively with others
- should adhere to contemporary theology and ecclesiology
- should have the ability to read, comprehend and reflect on college level materials
- should have earned a high school diploma or above
- should be baptized and confirmed and if married, the marriage should be recognized as valid by the Church
- should have some active parish/institutional experience
- should have the support and consent of their family
- should be recommended formally by their pastor or institutional leader
- should complete an application for sponsorship, including a pastoral reference and two peer references
- should be willing to fulfill all course and program requirements

**CANON 231-1. LAY PERSONS WHO DEVOTE THEMSELVES PERMANENTLY TO
SOME SPECIAL SERVICE OF THE CHURCH ARE OBLIGED
TO ACQUIRE THE APPROPRIATE FORMATION WHICH IS REQUIRED
TO FULFILL THEIR FUNCTION PROPERLY
AND TO CARRY IT OUT CONSCIENTIOUSLY, ZEALOUSLY, AND DILIGENTLY.**

PARTIAL LISTING OF MINISTRIES:

LITURGICAL	CATECHETICAL	SERVICE
Lector	Coordinator of Family-based Catechesis	Parish Pastoral Council
Eucharistic Minister	Team member, Family-based Catechesis	Parish Finance Council
Hospitality	Catechist for Sacramental Preparation	Bereavement Team
Music Minister	Marriage Preparation Team	Visitation of the Sick
Sacristan	Baptism Preparation Team	St. Vincent de Paul
Environment Ministry	Youth Ministry	Parish Refugee Committee
Usher/Collector	Other:	
Liturgy Committee		

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PASTOR/PARISH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE REFERENCE

To be shared between parish and Archdiocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation.

_____ is applying to the Diploma in Theology and Ministry Program (Roman Catholic Studies) in Theology at Queen's College, Memorial University, and seeks the support and endorsement of _____ Parish. The serious responsibility of recognizing and calling forth ministers rests with all of us in the Church.

We would be grateful for your assistance either by completing this form or by writing a letter of recommendation for the applicant addressing yourself as candidly as possible to the following questions:

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. Has the applicant been involved in Church ministry? (Check all that apply)

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3. Please describe his/her work style (collaborative, reliable, ability to follow through, etc.)

4. How well does this person relate to others? _____

5. What do you know of the applicant's marriage or family situation that may help or hinder him/her in this program? _____

6. How would you assess this person's ability to integrate new material? Is he/she rigid or unwilling to re-examine? Have you seen indication of an interest in continuing formation?

7. Do you believe this person would be an asset to the parish/agency as a minister? Please give reasons. _____

If these questions cannot be answered based on your personal knowledge, please so state:

8. ANY additional comments: _____

Will the parish be supporting _____ financially?

Yes No

If "yes," what amount of financial support will be offered? _____



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ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

LEARNING COVENANT

OVERVIEW

The partnership between the Archdiocese of St. John's and Queen's College exists to provide sound and orthodox theological, pastoral and spiritual formation to and for each candidate who chooses to enter the program. A candidate, once accepted into the program and sponsored by a parish or by the Archdiocese, is asked to enter into a "Learning Agreement" with the Archdiocese of St. John's. This agreement serves as a commitment between the candidate and the Director of Adult Faith Formation so that each party is aware of the obligations that must be met in order to continue in the program and receive the "Certificate of Completion" from the Archdiocese. The actual Diploma in Theology and Ministry is conferred by Queen's College.

SESSION ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance at each class session is one of the highest expectations we have of a candidate in the formation process. Each session is designed to be formational and candidate input/interaction is crucial to faith development.

The candidate agrees:

- To attend all class sessions, worship and community meals as scheduled.
- To be present on time and leave only when the session is completed.
- To make up a foreseen absence by contacting the course instructor/specialization director; and to arrange for the pick up of all session materials.
- To make up an unforeseen class session by contacting the instructor/specialization director within one (1) week after the class session meets to agree on all make-up work to be completed.
- Over the course of the academic year only one (1) excused absence is allowed. **Any additional absence(s) need to be made up the next time the class session is offered. Please remember that this course may be a year or two away. The "Certificate of Completion" will not be granted until the time when the class is completed.**

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- The candidate will make every effort to meet with a mentor/spiritual director to review and process their journey in the program.
- The candidate will make every effort to be an active group participant during the class and will make every effort to articulate faith experiences where appropriate.

PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESAN CONTACT

- Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of St. John’s will be designated the liaison between Queen’s College and the Archdiocese of St. John’s. Candidates sponsored by parishes or by the Archdiocese will meet regularly (at least twice per semester) with the Director of Adult Faith Formation to keep open lines of communication, discuss areas of success and challenge, and achieve a successful, supportive relationship.
- Sponsored candidates will meet with their parish priest at least once per semester.

I, the undersigned, have read the “Learning Covenant.” I understand its content. I agree to abide.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approval

Pastor

Date

Director of Adult Faith Formation

Date



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DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY PROGRAM OUTLINE

YEAR A

TOPIC
Biblical Studies: Introduction to the Old Testament
Biblical Studies: Introduction to the New Testament
Theological Studies: Introduction to Theology
Theological Studies: Making Moral Decisions
Spirituality: The Human Search for God
Spirituality: Prayer and Styles of Prayer
Pastoral Theology: Called, Gifted and Sent Foundations of Discipleship, Mission and Vocation
Pastoral Theology: Introduction to Ministry
Liturgical Studies: Introduction to Liturgy and Sacraments
Liturgical Studies: Sacraments of Initiation
Theological Reflection and Practicum

YEAR B

TOPIC
Biblical Studies: Praying the Scriptures with the Community
Theological Studies: Who is Jesus?
Theological Studies: The History of the Church
Theological Studies: Issues of Life, Medical Ethics and Dying
Spirituality: Prayer and Discernment
Spirituality: People of Justice and Mercy
Theological Reflection and Practicum
Pastoral Theology: Evangelization and Catechesis
Leadership in the Community of Faith
Canon Law for Parish Ministry
Catholic Social Teaching

NOTE: It is important to note that this schema is not a timetable.

Scheduling of sessions and topics will be arranged according to the availability of facilitators and incorporating other factors.