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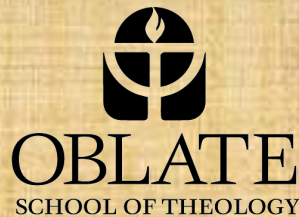
**Pastoral Lay
Formation Programs
(LMI)
PRESENTS
MINISTRY
FOCUS
SEMINARS**

2012

Three Saturdays in March:

17, 24, 31

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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Lay Ministry Institute Ministry Focus Seminars

The Lay Ministry Institute (LMI) is offering Ministry Focus Seminars in the Spring of 2012 for students who are currently enrolled in the program **AND** to others from the surrounding area who are interested in a “*taste*” of on-going formation.

Participants are invited to select “**1**” of the following specialized Workshops. **Each Workshop will meet for three Saturdays.**

Participants will choose one area of ministry upon which to focus and attend three Saturday Sessions.

Choose “1” Workshop

- 1) Introduction to the RCIA
- 2) Ministry to those in the Criminal Justice System
- 3) Pastoral Catechesis
- 4) Spiritual Companionship
(English or Spanish)
- 5) Consolation/Bereavement Ministry
- 6) Youth and Young Adult Ministry

For more information, please contact: Bonnie L. Abadie at (210) 341-1366 ext. 236 or E-mail at babadie@ost.edu.



Introduction to the RCIA

The norm for the Christian Initiation of Adults, teenagers and children of catechetical age (7 and older) is through the RCIA. Participants will have an opportunity to be fully introduced to key concepts and practices of this process of making disciples of all ages.

A history of the RCIA as the norm for Christian Initiation and an overview of the process will be provided. Built upon the needs of those in attendance, participants will explore: how to organize a Parish RCIA process and children’s catechumenate; build an RCIA team, select sponsors, work with catechists, liturgical planners, ministers, and catechize the community.



This Seminar Workshop will be presented by: Linda Baksic, MTS



and
Bunny Carpenter, MTS

Ministry to those in the Criminal Justice System

This workshop will present an overview of the Texas criminal justice system and its proceedings. All persons discerning a call to serve as a response to the corporal works of mercy within the church are encouraged to attend. This ministry serves inside the walls as well as works with those in our church communities. Opportunities to serve as a retreat team member, mentor, Bible study leader, and as a pastoral companion will be explored within the workshop.

“When I was in prison, you visited Me.”
Matthew 25: 36



This workshop will be Presented by:
Jorge R. Cuellar, DMin.(assisted by team from within the CJ System.)

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Ministry with Youth and Young Adults

Celebrating the Young Church of Today, participants will be given an overview of the importance of this ministry today; the realities of youth and young adult culture; some possibilities for meaningful ministry.

This workshop will be presented by a team of experts: Joan Martinez, Director; Rich Mazzara and Barbara Convertino, Associate Directors of the Office of Youth Ministry, Archdiocese of San Antonio.



Pastoral Catechesis

The ministry of Catechesis is crucial to the life of the Church today. The aim or purpose of Catechesis is to put people in touch, in intimate union with Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this workshop will be to introduce the participant to the nature, goals, context and content of catechesis and present recent Church documents on Catechesis. Participants will identify and present different teaching methods and resources for catechetical instruction.

Archdiocesan Catechist Certification Credit: This course when taken in its entirety and with completion of all assigned work fulfills requirements for:

#221- Ministry of Catechesis.

This workshop will be presented by:
Rita Minkley, MA, Former Director of the Archdiocesan Catechetical Center.



Spiritual Companions

Those who walk with others in sharing a journey in faith are Companions.

Spiritual Companionship suggests a shared, mutual walk, exploring how God is working in our lives. Spiritual Companions walk on the "Holy Ground" of another's experience of God. This type of companionship is being called forth in ACTS communities, especially during team planning sessions and weekend retreats. The sacredness of this experience calls for preparation on the part of the companion.

This workshop will give participants an overview of the history of Spiritual Companionship in the Christian Tradition. Sessions will help participants explore the essentials of listening as a holy activity and the practice of listening skills. Finally, this track will help students explore the need for a code of ethics in Spiritual Companionship. Specific needs of ACTS retreatants will be examined.

This workshop will be presented by:
Mary Wilder, MA Spirituality



Consolation/ Bereavement Ministry

One of life's verities is death. How does a person of faith face the death of a loved one? How do we respond to this reality in personal and ministerial ways? This workshop will provide participants with an understanding of grief, loss and end of life issues; present the scope and purpose of consolation/ bereavement ministry; highlight the pastoral care skills that are necessary for ministers.

This seminar workshop will be presented by: Chaplain Emily Baril, MAPM.



Compañeros Espirituales

Los compañeros espirituales son personas que caminan con otros para compartir su camino espiritual.

El acompañamiento espiritual sugiere un compartir del camino espiritual, explorando como Dios está presente en nuestras vidas. Los compañeros espirituales pisan la "Tierra Sagrada" de la experiencia de Dios de la otra persona. Este tipo del acompañamiento es necesario dentro de las comunidades de ACTS, especialmente durante las sesiones de preparación de equipo y retiros de fin de semana. La santidad de esta experiencia nos llama a prepararnos para acompañar a otros en su camino espiritual.

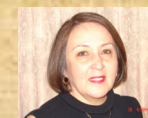
Este módulo les dará a los participantes una idea general de la historia del acompañamiento espiritual en la tradición Cristiana. Las sesiones ayudarán a los participantes a explorar los puntos esenciales de escuchar como una actividad santa y la práctica de la habilidad de escuchar. Por último, este módulo ayudará a los participantes a explorar la necesidad para un código de la moralidad en el Acompañamiento Espiritual. Las necesidades específicas de los retiros de ACTS serán exploradas.

This workshop will be presented by :

Cecilia Von Bertrab, MA Spirituality

And

Ana Maria Fietze-Elizondo, MAPM



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____

MINISTRY FOCUS TRACK CHOICES: (choose one)

- Intro to the RCIA
- Bexar Co. Detention Ministries
- Pastoral Catechesis
- English** Spiritual Companionship
- Spanish** Spiritual Companionship
- Deacon Spouse Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry
- Youth Ministry

Tuition:

\$50.00 (3-session package) by: March 2nd.

\$60.00 After March 2nd.

(Lunch is NOT included)

[Lay Ministry Institute Students are EXEMPT]

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TO ENSURE ADEQUATE MATERIALS FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS,
PRE-REGISTRATION and PRE-PAYMENT ARE NECESSARY

Mail registration to :

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