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Mission Statement

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation (USCCB/CCA) serves as an accrediting commission of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, establishes accreditation standards, policies and procedures, and accredits ministry formation programs listed in *The Official Catholic Directory* that prepare people for ministry. The USCCB/CCA also establishes and approves certification standards and procedures for the certification of specialized ecclesial ministers by arch/dioceses and organizations.

Scope of Accreditation

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the USCCB/CCA as a separately incorporated accrediting commission to accredit post-secondary ministry formation and CPE programs that prepare people for understanding their baptismal call to service in the Church and in the world. Programs may be sponsored by arch/dioceses, colleges, health care institutions, seminaries, universities and other institutions that are listed in *The Official Catholic Directory* and are authorized to conduct post-secondary educational programs in the United States. To apply for and maintain accreditation by the USCCB/CCA, CPE programs must provide evidence of compliance with the accreditation standards in the current publication of *the Accreditation Handbook for Clinical Pastoral Education Programs*. Ministry formation programs must provide evidence of compliance with the accreditation standards in the current publication of *the Accreditation Handbook for Ministry Formation Programs*. Accredited programs and programs preparing for accreditation are listed in this directory.

After the period of initial accreditation, the USCCB/CCA collaborates with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) on joint accreditation site reviews. The ACPE is a intracultural, multifaith organization devoted to providing education and improving the quality of ministry and pastoral care offered by spiritual caregivers of all faiths through the clinical educational methods of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Scope of Approval of Certification Standards and Procedures

The USCCB/CCA approves certification standards and procedures for Catholic organizations to certify specialized ministers. Certifying organizations submitting certification standards and procedures to the USCCB/CCA may be arch/diocesan departments, national organizations of specialized ministers listed in *The Official Catholic Directory*, and organizations sponsored by state Catholic conferences. Organizations seeking approval from the USCCB/CCA shall provide documentation to indicate that certification standards, policies and procedures are in compliance with those listed in the current publication of the *Certification Handbook* for specialized ministries. Organizations with approved certification standards and procedures and those preparing to submit certification standards and procedures to the USCCB/CCA are listed in this directory.

Board of Directors

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Ministry Formation Program (Prepare the Way/*Caminante*) Diocese of Phoenix, Kino Institute

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Prepare the Way/*Caminante*, sponsored by the Diocese of Phoenix Kino Institute, is a formational experience built upon a core curriculum which addresses the need of participants to connect their experience with the deep theological roots of the Catholic faith. This program in Spanish and English offers a variety of learning experiences to participants to promote their theological, spiritual, and pastoral formation and to prepare participants for lay ministry and entrance into the Permanent Diaconate Program. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Barry H. Sargent, Director.

CALIFORNIA

Clinical Pastoral Education Program The Center for Urban Chaplaincy

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The program, sponsored by The Center for Urban Chaplaincy, is accredited by the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. The Center is a consortium of several social service agencies and educational and health care institutions. Its aim is to equip people serving in ministry to respond to those in their midst facing the multifaceted problems of urban life. Through the social service agencies and member institutions, CPE student interns can be placed in a variety of settings: AIDS, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence, hospital ministry, mental illness, homelessness, terminal illness, immigration, interculturalism, the elderly and homebound, child development, prisons, and *maquiladoras* in Tijuana, Mexico. Academic credit for CPE is available in collaboration with the University of San Diego and Bethel Seminary. Stipended positions are available. Some placements for CPE student interns require bilingual, bicultural candidates of Hispanic origin. Please direct inquiries to The Rev. Frances JK Brotherhood, Executive Director. Sr. Anita Lapeyre, R.S.C.J., is the CPE Supervisor.

**Ministry Formation Program
Diocese of Stockton, School of Ministry**

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The Ministry Formation Program, sponsored by the Diocese of Stockton School of Ministry, offers basic and advanced theology for ministry courses to assist in the development of lay ministers for the diocese. These courses provide theological, doctrinal, and skills training for ministry. Both the basic and advanced theology for ministry courses are offered in English and Spanish. The overall goals of the School of Ministry are: to develop the professional, pastoral, and ministerial skills, to promote personal and spiritual maturity in ministry, to raise awareness of catholic social teachings as an aspect of all ministry, to develop cultural sensitivity, and to facilitate pastoral activities which promote evangelization, faith formation, community, and pastoral care. The School of Ministry also offers specialized training for ministry, a scripture institute, and an institute for spirituality and spiritual direction. Please direct inquiries to Wanda Scheuermann, Director.

CONNECTICUT

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
Hospital of St. Raphael**

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The program, sponsored by the Hospital of St. Raphael, is accredited by the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. The program offers a twelve-month, four-unit residency in CPE. Areas available for ministry specialization include cardiology, oncology, intensive care, emergency medicine, psychiatry, outpatient clinics, and geriatric medicine. The CPE residents are fully integrated into the Department of Pastoral Care, and they work closely with hospital staff in direct patient care, family care, and support groups. The program offers the following: a stipend, medical and dental benefits with a small employee contribution, eleven paid holidays, and ten paid vacation days. Please direct inquiries to Rev. Steven Voytovich, Program Manager.

FLORIDA

Ministry Formation Program Diocese of St. Augustine

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The Ministry Formation Program, sponsored by the Diocese of St. Augustine, is a planned process of education, formation, and practical training for leaders in ministry. It involves a three-year comprehensive program of study in Sacred Scripture, tradition, Catholic beliefs, sacraments, and morality. Participants are provided opportunities for theological and spiritual development, and for relating their own gifts to the needs of their parish or diocese. A supervised practicum follows in the fall of the third year. The satisfactory completion of the three-year program is celebrated at the diocesan cathedral, Basilica of St. Augustine. The program is offered at The Marywood Center for Spirituality and Ministry, the diocesan retreat center. Please direct inquiries to Erin McGeever, Program Director, or Deacon Maurice Culver, Program Coordinator.

Ministry Formation Program Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute, Diocese of St. Petersburg

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The Ministry Formation Program, sponsored by the Diocese of St. Petersburg Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute, offers a four-year developmental process for the formation of lay ministers. Pastors and parish staff of the churches to which participants belong are involved in identifying candidates for the program, and assisting them in discerning the ministries to which they are called. The program focuses on the formation of participants in the areas of spirituality, theology, pastoral skills, and personal development. In order to establish a skilled corps of leaders for family, community, and church ministry, the first year provides participants an opportunity to discern their call to ministry in the church and in the community. The last three years provide participants with more formal academic training, consisting of four eight-hour modules of classes and two full retreat days each year. In addition to these sessions, the program offers theological reflection components and mentoring groups on an ongoing basis. It also serves as a prerequisite for admission to the Permanent Diaconate Program. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Marlene Weidenborner, O.S.F., Program Director.

ILLINOIS

Clinical Pastoral Education Program Resurrection Health Care

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The program, sponsored by the Resurrection Health Care, is accredited by the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. The program is operated in collaboration with Spiritual Services under the auspices of the Resurrection Health Care Mission Office. This CPE program is offered each year as full-time (summer) and extended part-time (fall through spring) units as well as a 36-week residency from September through early May each year. Group and individual supervision are conducted at two main CPE component sites. CPE student interns and residents have an opportunity to do clinical pastoral visits in their respective clinical placement sites: nine hospitals, eight nursing homes, and four retirement communities. The three residency units include specializations in the areas of acute care and senior services ministry. Please direct inquiries to Dr. M. Paracleta Amrich, SS.C.M., Program Coordinator and CPE Supervisor, or to Rev. Dr. Romulo S. Manching, ACPE Supervisor and System Director of CPE.

Clinical Pastoral Education Program Loyola University Medical Center

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The program, sponsored by Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC), is dually accredited by USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. LUMC is a level-one trauma center located ten miles west of downtown Chicago. The patient populations at LUMC ranks sixth in the nation in acuity of illness and 30% of the 523-licensed beds are ICU. LUMC offers two programs of CPE: a residency of one year beginning in September and an intensive summer unit which begins in early June. Residency requires graduate theology and prior CPE. Residents receive a salary, have access to health benefits, receive free CPE tuition, and ten days paid vacation.

The program offers supervised clinical learning in both inpatient and outpatient settings, individualized mentoring by the staff of eight full-time and nine part-time chaplains, and opportunities for working with interdisciplinary teams. Specialties include cardiology with a heart transplant unit, oncology with a bone marrow transplant unit and a large outpatient cancer center, ER/trauma with a specialty burn unit, women's and children's health, including a 50-bed neonatal unit, neurology and neurosurgery with an in-patient rehabilitation unit and general medicine, with dialysis and renal transplant services. Supervisors are Rev. Jim Creighton, S.J., certified by the NACC and the ACPE and Jerry Kaelin, ACPE Associate Supervisor.

KENTUCKY

Ministry Formation Program Brescia University

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Owensboro, KY 42301-3023

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The Ministry Formation Program, sponsored by Brescia University, is to provide the Catholic faithful with high-quality formation that integrates personal, theological, pastoral, and professional competencies, and skills for lay ecclesial ministry in the contemporary Catholic Church. The program seeks to serve the needs not only of the dioceses of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana, but also those of the surrounding local churches and the Catholic Church nationally. The program integrates three basic areas of preparation for contemporary ministry: theological study of the rich heritage of Catholic Christianity; study of the principles of pastoral ministry and ministry leadership in conjunction with on-site, supervised experience; and spiritual formation in ongoing personal and religious development and ministerial identity. Upon successful completion of the program, the students have satisfied the requirements of an undergraduate degreed program. Please direct inquiries to Todd Butler, Program Director.

MASSACHUSETTS

Clinical Pastoral Education System Program Caritas Christi Health Care System

The Clinical Pastoral Education System Program, sponsored by Caritas Christi Health Care, is accredited by both the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. The program is located at three different facilities in the greater Boston area. Interested applicants are requested to apply to the program where they wish to train.

Clinical Pastoral Education System Program Caritas Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center

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Methuen, MA 01844-4597

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Clinical Pastoral Education is offered in full-time summer and weekday extended units. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Claudia Blanchette, S.N.D., Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

Clinical Pastoral Education System Program

Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

736 Cambridge Street
Brighton, MA 02135-2997

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Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE are offered in full-time summer, weekend extended, and weekday extended units. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Mary Anne Gallagher, O.S.F., Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

Clinical Pastoral Education System Program

Saint Anne's Hospital

795 Middle Street
Fall River, MA 02721-1798

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Clinical Pastoral Education is offered as extended units that begin in September 2007 and February 2008. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Dorothy Cotterell, S.U.S.C., CPE Supervisor, and use the e-mail address given above.

MINNESOTA

Clinical Pastoral Education Program St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic Health System

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The program, sponsored by St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic Health System, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. The program offers an extended CPE unit in the fall and winter and a ten-week unit in summer, beginning the first week of June. It also offers an eight-month weekend unit from October through May. St. Mary's Medical Center, a 325 bed acute care facility serving a tri-state area, offers clinical experience in the major areas of chronic and critical care. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Judith Oland, O.S.B., Coordinator and CPE Supervisor.

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
St. Marys Hospital, Mayo Foundation**

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The program, sponsored by St. Marys Hospital, Mayo Foundation, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. The program offers the following units of CPE: a 400-hour extended unit beginning in the fall of alternate years; an eleven-week summer internship unit which begins the day after Memorial Day; a twelve-month residency unit; and a second-year fellowship unit. The twelve month residency requires graduate-level education, either in process or completed, and applicants are preferred who have had prior CPE experience. The second-year fellowship is offered over twelve months that allows for clinical sub-specialization and/or pastoral research. Fellowship applicants must have completed an accredited CPE residency program. CPE student interns, residents, and fellows receive a competitive stipend. Health benefits are available at a reasonable cost. Students have the opportunity for supervised clinical learning in the inpatient and outpatient settings of the Mayo Medical Center, Rochester campus. The program is situated in a large, interfaith Department of Chaplain Services. Please direct inquiries to Rev. James Buryka, Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

MISSOURI

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
St. John's Hospital**

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The program, sponsored by St. John's Hospital, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. St. John's is the primary facility of a regional system serving a large area of Southwest Missouri and Northwest Arkansas. St. John's Healthcare is rated #1 among the top 100 integrated health systems in the United States. The learning environment of the program offers experience in all acute care areas plus a variety of specialties including level-one trauma, cardiothoracic surgery, neurotrauma, advanced oncology, palliative care, behavioral health, and burn care. Additional clinical assignments are possible in rural health care, hospice, rehabilitation, and long-term care. Offerings currently include an intense summer unit and extended units throughout the year. One-year residencies will be offered beginning in September 2007. Please direct inquiries to Eddie Hennig, Director of Pastoral Education.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lay Ministry Formation Program *Called to Servant Leadership* Diocese of Manchester

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Called to Servant Leadership is a three-year ministry formation program offered in cooperation with Saint Anselm College. The program invites Catholic laity to prepare to exercise their leadership roles in the Church through a formation process of study, prayer, and vocational experience. This ministry formation program will be offered at Saint Anselm College, Plymouth State University, and St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Dover, NH. Please address inquiries to Patricia A. Gabree, Executive Director for Education and Formation of the Laity and Director of the Lay Ministry Formation Program.

NEW JERSEY

Christian Foundations for Ministry Program Archdiocese of Newark, Ministerial Development Center

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The Christian Foundations for Ministry Program, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Ministerial Development Center, is a three-year process of spiritual formation and education. The program is designed to help participants recognize their baptismal call and to exercise their talents in service to the church and to the world. The purpose of the program is to form a knowledgeable, prayerful, and community-oriented laity by providing foundational courses in current Catholic theology, spirituality, and ministerial skill development. The program also emphasizes that spirituality and growth can be realized anywhere, in any walk or stage of life, occupation, or profession. Sessions are conducted in English, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish with course outlines and resource materials in these languages. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Virginia Stanton, S.S.J., Program Director.

NEW YORK

Clinical Pastoral Education Program Diocese of Brooklyn, Brooklyn Catholic Charities

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Jamaica, NY 11432-1121

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The program, sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn Catholic Charities, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. The people in the diocese speak 45 different languages and live in ethnic and cultural neighborhoods. Brooklyn is the only totally urban diocese in the United States, and its people have the social and economic needs common to residents in any large city. The program reflects the marketplace in which students are ministering to the most vulnerable. Its resources include the Catholic Charities' network of services and Queens Hospital Center. Queens Hospital Center is a teaching municipal hospital with a ten-building campus. The hospital provides a full range of health care services, mainly to the population of Southern Queens. This 329-bed facility has approximately 13,200 inpatient admissions, 252,000 outpatients, and 75,600 emergency room visits annually. Student interns are provided the opportunity to minister to patients of varied racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds, and function alongside a multidisciplinary professional staff as part of an ecumenical ministerial team. Because the Queens County Mortuary is on-site, student interns are afforded the opportunity for an extensive bereavement ministry. Student interns specializing in prison ministry are assigned to a New York City correctional facility; those who wish a parish ministry are assigned to a Catholic Charities Family Assistance Center. The program staff meets two days each week with the student interns completing their clinical ministry in Queens or in their own institutions of employment. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Julie Houser, C.S.J., Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

Clinical Pastoral Education Program Sisters of Charity Hospital

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The program, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity Hospital, is accredited by both the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. The program offers student interns opportunities for ministry to patients and clients in health-care-based and community-based settings such as parishes, prisons, shelters, refugee resettlement programs, and soup kitchens.

CPE units are offered in the fall (September - December), spring (January - April), and summer (May - August). The three Supervisors are: Sr. Janet Biemann, R.S.M., Dr. Tyler Dudley, and Theresa Lowther (Candidate). Paula Moscato, Vice President for Mission, oversees the CPE Program. Please direct inquiries to Melody Rutherford, Administrative Assistant.

**Lay Leadership Formation for Ministry Program
Diocese of Brooklyn, Pastoral Institute**

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Affirming the baptismal call of women and men to serve the Church of Brooklyn and Queens, The Pastoral Institute sponsors the Lay Leadership Formation for Ministry Program. Participants are provided with the foundations that are needed to develop a holistic approach to ministry in this immigrant, multi-cultural, and uniquely urban diocese. The program components include: spiritual formation, theological education, mentoring, supervised practicum, and pastoral skills development. Classes are offered in English and Spanish. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Angela Gannon, C.S.J., Program Director.

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
Cabrini Eldercare Consortium**

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The program, sponsored by the Cabrini Eldercare Consortium, is accredited to offer both Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. Cabrini Eldercare is an incorporated association formed to promote a shared vision of the continuum of care and aging services offered between the four New York City and Westchester County Cabrini-sponsored eldercare ministries: Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, St. Cabrini Nursing Home (Cabrini of Westchester), Cabrini Care at Home and Cabrini Housing Development Fund Corporation (Cabrini Apartments). Cabrini Eldercare centers its approach and practices around its Person Centered Care model, dedicated to providing compassionate, high quality, and culturally-appropriate care and services in an atmosphere promoting dignity, respect and well being between and among those being served and those who serve. Drawing upon this assortment of care, Cabrini's CPE students can rotate between medical, skilled nursing, rehabilitation, hospice, dementia and alzheimer's units, home health care, adult day health care and clinical settings, receiving an integrated professional education for ministry in a diverse range of care settings. Cabrini's Manhattan and Westchester County clinical locations present a diverse demographic, multicultural, multifaith experience in a holistic environment. Transportation is accessible from many areas within and outside New York City. The program also offers a special opportunity for Spanish-speaking student interns whose educational development would be enhanced by a bilingual response to components within the process. Please direct inquiries to Rev. Andrew Sioleti, LCSW, D.Min., ACPE/NACC Supervisor.

Clinical Pastoral Education Program
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The Interfaith Program, sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre Catholic Health Services of Long Island, is accredited by both the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. The program offers a wide variety of clinical opportunities for pastoral learning and functioning in health care, hospice, parish, and community outreach settings through full-time and extended CPE units. Stipends are available for a year-long residency of three units. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Mary T. O'Neill, Vice President, Spiritual Care and Pastoral Education.

Ministry Formation Program
Diocese of Rockville Centre, Pastoral Formation Institute

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The Ministry Formation Program, sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre Pastoral Formation Institute, is a three-year program. The program is an invitation for participants to enter into an integrated process of spiritual, theological, and psychological development, leading to the establishment of a skilled and confident corps of leaders for family, community, and church ministry. The first two years consist of core formation and education that is based in experiential learning. During this period, participants attend weeknights, weekdays, or Saturday classes, and three workshop weekends per year, for a total of more than 400 hours of prayer, study, and faith sharing each year. Participants in the third year are offered a choice of ministry tracks which include class work, theological reflection groups, mentor assistance, and a supervised practicum. Ministry leadership tracks offer specialization in small Christian communities; parish social ministry, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; pastoral care of the sick, spiritual growth; tribunal advocacy; evangelization; prison ministry; ministry to the third age, catechetical, family, and youth ministry; stewardship, bereavement, and marriage preparation and enrichment. Religious from many communities come to the program for a renewal experience, and some congregations send novices for initial formation. Please direct inquiries to Estelle Peck, Director of the Pastoral Formation Institute.

OHIO

Clinical Pastoral Education Program TriHealth Bethesda and Good Samaritan Hospital

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The program, sponsored by TriHealth Bethesda and Good Samaritan Hospital, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. CPE is offered in summer, fall, and winter units. CPE student interns learn about themselves as individuals and professionals. The program includes lectures, seminars, audio-visual sessions, interprofessional conferences, worship, play, group dynamics, weekly individual supervision, and other activities that focus on clinical and theological issues. Please direct inquiries to Rev. Gerald R. Niklas, Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

PENNSYLVANIA

Clinical Pastoral Education Program St. Mary CPE Program

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The program, sponsored by St. Mary Medical Center, is accredited by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation and the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education to offer Level 1, Level 2 and Supervisory Clinical Pastoral Education. Two suburban hospitals currently provide the clinical site and pastoral context for placement of chaplain interns: St. Mary Medical Center, Langhorne, PA and Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center, Meadowbrook, PA. The Diocese of Camden is the third partner in this diverse program. In addition to sending students/seminarians to summer, fall and extended units, supervisory resources have made it possible to offer customized programs using the formal CPE model, but tailored to meet the different levels of formation within the Diocese of Camden.

Chaplain Interns are offered a variety of clinical experiences within a continuum of care related to maternity, NICU, general surgery, trauma, critical care, eldercare, oncology, hospice and rehabilitation. Outpatient services include ambulatory surgery, home health, especially in cancer care and hospice.

Direct all inquiries to Phylis Benoit, Administrative Coordinator for the CPE Program or Program Director and NACC/ACPE Supervisor, Sr. Arlene Primus, M.S.C.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clinical Pastoral Education Program Roper St. Francis Healthcare

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The program, sponsored by Roper St. Francis Healthcare, is accredited by both the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. Four full-time units and one extended unit are offered each year. CPE residents and student interns provide spiritual care to patients, families, and staff at both Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital and Roper Hospital. These facilities offer a full range of specialty and general patient care services including cardiology, oncology, gynecology, orthopedics, and an active emergency room. Student interns in the twelve-month residency program receive a competitive stipend. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Helen Waugh, S.F.C.C., Clinical Pastoral Educator and Program Supervisor.

TEXAS

Clinical Pastoral Education Program CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care

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The program, sponsored by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. The program offers a spacious open learning environment that enhances the reflective abilities of CPE students. Ministry experiences with infants and children challenge students to integrate new experiences with theology. Ministry in acute and chronic illness settings within a predominantly Hispanic Catholic population further develops the pastoral identity and praxis of students. Evolving spiritual assessments and charting tools provide students with a spiritual and theological vocabulary to describe interaction with patients, families, and staff. Interdisciplinary ministry increases students' comprehension of ethics, the soul in the workplace, suffering, healing, and end-of-life issues and rituals.

The program offers students varied cultural experiences in a hospitable city. By participating in a program sponsored by a faith-based health care system, students will be better prepared for ministry and certification as chaplains, having experienced advance directives, a personal theology of ministry, pastoral Spanish, and interaction with a CPE supervisor and a staff whose primary focus is the learning growth of students. Students successfully completing CPE units may request that the units be applied towards the partial completion of a Doctor of Ministry degree through a cooperative agreement with Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. Stipends and benefits are available for full-time residency students. Please direct inquiries to Mary Davis, Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

**Ministry Formation Program
Mexican American Cultural Center**

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The three-week Mini Pastoral, a semester or year for Hispanic Pastoral Ministry, Intensive Pastoral Spanish, and Intensive Pastoral English are the focused components of the accredited program sponsored by the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). MACC, sponsor of the accredited program, is a national Catholic institute founded in 1972 for the preparation of leaders to respond to the religious and social needs of Hispanic communities. While MACC remains rooted in the Mexican American experience and focused on the development of Latino Leadership, MACC has evolved into an intercultural institute, and is at the service of all cultures, working for the common good of the church and society in the United States. The program offers a comprehensive curriculum for adult and youth leaders as they develop and implement processes for intercultural understanding, awareness of racism, and systemic change within their communities. The Gospel and the teachings of the church animate MACC's mission to empower and educate leaders for service in a culturally diverse church and society. The program furthers the dialogue between faith and culture by providing participants communal, interactive experiences in theology, pastoral ministry, Spanish and English language studies, and research of Hispanic and intercultural realities. The courses in the program are both academic and experiential. Participants learn facts, skills, and processes to appreciate their own giftedness for the service of others as they experience understanding, harmony, and growth within an intercultural community. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Arturo Chavez, Program Director.

WASHINGTON

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
Franciscan Health System, St. Joseph Medical Center**

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The program, sponsored by St. Joseph Medical Center, is accredited by both the USCCB/CCA and the ACPE to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervisory CPE. The Franciscan Health System includes three hospitals, a nursing home and several clinics, and is a part of Catholic Health Initiatives, a national health care organization. CPE student interns are offered experiences in a wide variety of health care specialties including oncology, heart surgery, hospice, gynecology, the emergency room, and year-long residencies in hospice and community crisis. The System supports a parish nurse coordinator, a work-life chaplain, and a spiritual care team of chaplains who serve as preceptors to student interns. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Gordon J. Hilsman, Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

WEST VIRGINIA

Clinical Pastoral Education Program

St. Francis Hospital, *An affiliate of Thomas Health System, Inc.*

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The program, sponsored by St. Francis Hospital, is accredited by the USCCB/CCA to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. Saint Francis Hospital, an affiliate of Thomas Health System, Inc. is located in Charleston, the capital of West Virginia. The hospital also serves many surrounding small rural communities. The program is offered in an extended unit format, comprised of two days a week for a period of twenty-two weeks. A variety of clinical placements at Saint Francis Hospital and other local ministry sites provide CPE students with the opportunity for the experience of ministry in acute care, general surgery, open-heart surgery, oncology, intensive care, hospice care, and church visitation of the sick and homebound. Students engage with people of various religious, cultural, and educational backgrounds and experiences. Please direct inquiries to Sr. Virginia Yeager, CSJ, Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

WISCONSIN

Commissioned Ministry Leadership Formation Program Diocese of Green Bay

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The Commissioned Ministry Leadership Formation Program is sponsored by the Diocese of Green Bay in collaboration with Silver Lake College. The program, a response to the challenge of fostering and nurturing lay ecclesial ministers in leadership roles, consists of a three-stage process that integrates courses in Sacred Scripture, theology, specialized ministry with personal growth, spiritual enrichment opportunities and peer sponsorship in a specialized ministry. Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, grants credit for the successful completion of the academic component of the program. Through the program, participants are prepared for ministerial leadership in one of the following areas: pastoral ministry, liturgy, religious education, youth ministry, and church business management. Please direct inquiries to Tony Pichler, Program Director.

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, Mayo Health System**

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The program, sponsored by Franciscan Skemp Healthcare, Mayo Health System, is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral Education. The program is community based, and the curriculum and clinical placements are a reflection of contemporary health care. Operating in a consortium with local academic, religious, and denominational structures, intensive summer units are offered in combination with extended units throughout the year. CPE student interns can be placed in urban and rural congregations of various denominations, social service agencies, medical and behavioral health clinics, college campuses, and traditional institutional sites. Credit for the program may be available for students successfully completing the program through Viterbo University. Please direct inquiries to Michael Brown, Director of Pastoral Care.

Programs Preparing for Accreditation

FLORIDA

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Institute for Ministry Formation

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The program, sponsored by the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Institute for Ministry Formation, provides a four-year ministry formation program for participants in an integrated process of spiritual, theological, and psychological development. The goal is to develop a corps of confident and skilled leaders for ministry in the church. The first year is a year of discernment where participants spend time studying and reflecting on core tenets of the faith to discern their specific call to ministry and/or the diaconate. Included in this year are sessions on theological reflection, church history, introduction to theology, ministry, and communication skills. A day of recollection begins the year, and a retreat completes the year. The next three years include courses on the Old Testament, New Testament, Ecclesiology, Sacraments, Morality/Catholic Social Teaching, Christology, Canon Law, and Pastoral Counseling. Each year workshops will include skills and topics such as ministerial relationships, diversity, group dynamic and facilitation skills, styles of leadership, conflict resolution, team building, problem solving, volunteers and collaboration, and legal and ethical issues. Reflection days and retreats will be part of the spiritual formation each year. Additional years of specialized study will be offered in liturgical ministry, tribunal advocate, youth/young adult ministry, spiritual direction, ministry to families, ministry to engaged couples, and other ministries as determined by the diocese. Participants completing the core four-year program will receive a certificate of completion from the diocese. Participants in a specialized ministry may be certified by the responsible diocesan office. Please direct inquiries to one of the Co-Directors: Msgr. James Flaherty, J.C.L., J.V., or Sr. Margaret Kuntz, A.S.C.J.

ILLINOIS

Clinical Pastoral Education Program

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The program is sponsored by Wheaton Franciscan Services, Inc. (WFSI), and provides all student interns with a creative, innovative, and integrative learning environment. The program offers clinical supervision focused on the development of competency skills for spiritual services in a variety of settings including health care, long term care, home health agencies, and a corporate office setting. These settings are in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The twenty-six-week extended program begins in early November and ends in mid-May. Please direct inquiries to Linda A. Bronersky, Program Director and CPE Supervisor.

INDIANA

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The *Ecclesial Lay Ministry Program* (ELM) is the foundational formation program for laity serving in ministerial leadership positions in the diocese. The formation program consists of four components: human formation through mentoring, academic formation through ten two-credit hour introductory theology courses, pastoral formation through fourteen pastoral and professional skill workshops, and spiritual formation through classes, workshops, retreats and ongoing assessments. The ELM program is offered at sites throughout the diocese in cooperation with Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, which governs and oversees the academic portion of the program. Laity who complete the program will have: grown in their self-knowledge, attained a basic understanding of the Church's teachings and traditions, acquired pastoral and professions skills that will assist them in their ministries, and participated in a spiritual formation process to further develop their own prayer life and strengthen their communal worship and experience of God in daily life. This is a certificate program. For those holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, there is the option of attaining an additional baccalaureate degree in Lay Ecclesial Ministry from Saint Joseph's College. Program participants can receive equivalency credit for prior ministerial experience or training as well as for theology credits earned at the undergraduate or graduate level. For more information, please contact Dr. Anne D. Roat, Director of the Office for Adult Catechesis.

OHIO

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The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Athenaeum of Ohio, provides participants with both a theological education and the opportunity to develop collaborative ministry skills under the supervision of experienced ministers and mentors. Participants are led to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the theology, doctrine, history, and tradition of the church, which is the basis of their contribution to the church's mission and ministry. They are challenged to consider mature faith questions, and to develop a stance and spirituality supportive of their role as lay ecclesial ministers. The Athenaeum of Ohio offers a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, a non-degreed Certificate in Ministry, an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Administration, and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Pastoral Administration. Graduate classes in Pastoral Ministry and Pastoral Administration are held at the main campus in Cincinnati. Non-degreed Certificate in Ministry classes are held throughout the nineteen counties of the archdiocese. This program, or an equivalent, is required of men seeking admission to the Permanent Diaconate Program. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Susan McGurgan, Director.

**Clinical Pastoral Education Program
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center**

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St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center since 1970 has provided or collaborated with other institutions to provide student interns with an ACPE-accredited CPE program. It offers summer units, fall and spring intern units, and a year long stipended residency program. St. Vincent is rooted in a long tradition of providing a wide range of health care education programs for residents, fellows, and student interns in training. Please direct inquiries to The Rev. Connie Bonner, CPE Supervisor.

PENNSYLVANIA

**Ministry Formation Program
Diocese of Allentown**

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The Institute for Lay Ministry, sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown, offers a three-year Ministry Formation Program. Participants are provided a foundation in theological studies, pastoral skills, and spiritual development that is integrated with a preparation for ministry and service. The program includes course work, retreats, retreats, small group and individual mentoring. During the third year, participants select, plan, and implement a Project in Ministry intended to integrate knowledge, spirituality, and ministerial skills. Please direct inquiries to Jeanine Breault, Program Administrator.

TEXAS

**Ministry Formation Program
University of Dallas, School of Ministry**

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The Ministry Formation Program, sponsored by the University of Dallas School of Ministry, offers formation for dedicated men and women to assume responsibility for leadership and ministry in the diocese as deacons, religious educators, pastoral administrators, youth ministers, liturgists, hospital chaplains, family life ministers, and other ministries to which they are called.

The program prepares participants to engage in the church's life and mission that is full, conscious, active, and effective. Formation blends academic knowledge with spiritual formation and pastoral skills. Participants are encouraged to discover their gifts, and to develop them for ministry in a variety of pastoral

settings. From its beginning, the Institute has sought to promote critical reflection on the role of the minister in the church, on the richness of the church's tradition, and on the essential need for specialized ministries within the church. The Institute also offers graduate degrees, certificates, and adult faith formation programs on campuses in North Texas, North Louisiana, and Rome, Italy. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Brian Schmisek, Dean.

VIRGINIA

Ministry Formation Program

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The Pastoral Ministry Leadership Formation Program of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond addresses the variety of formation needs for pastoral ministry leaders. The three year program assists in the development of core ministerial competencies in Ministry, Spirituality, Morality, Sacraments, Scripture, Ecclesiology, and Social Justice. Participants select from among the following focus areas of ministry: pastoral ministry, catechetical ministry, business administration, youth ministry, and liturgy, and all participants are engaged in a guided field practicum in their area of focus. Please direct inquiries to Rick Miech, Program Director.

Organizations with Approved Certification Standards for Certifying Ecclesial Ministers

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The National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) has approved standards for the certification of coordinators of parish life, pastoral associates, and pastoral ministers. NALM is a professional organization that supports, educates, and advocates for lay ministers, and promotes the development of lay ministry in the church. NALM achieves its mission by providing leadership, voice, and vision for the ongoing development of lay ministry by collaborating with the National Association for Church Personnel Administrators, the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, the National Organization for the Continuing Education of the Roman Catholic Clergy, and other national organizations. NALM fosters the professional development and spiritual formation of career and volunteer lay ministers with educational resources, publications, workshops, retreats, speakers, consultation services, and competency-based standards for pastoral ministers, pastoral associates, and parish life coordinators. NALM also provides practical services and resources that support lay ministers through national forums, annual conferences, chapters, and affiliates. In 2003, NALM collaborated with the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in the approval and publication of the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*. NALM's membership consists of men and women who are lay, religious, and ordained who serve the church primarily as pastoral ministers, pastoral associates, directors of ministry formation programs, parish life coordinators, and social ministers. NALM has over 1,200 members.

Officers of the board are Anne D. Roat, Chair; Jay Gilchrist, Vice Chair; Teresa Daly, DC, Secretary; and Kathy Klocek, Treasurer. The Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, Coadjutor Bishop of Tucson, Arizona, is the Episcopal Liaison. Christopher A. Anderson is the Executive Director.

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership

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The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) has approved standards for the certification of catechetical leaders. NCCL is a member association of 2,300 diocesan, parish, academic, and publishing catechetical leaders dedicated to advancing excellence in catechesis. Professional and associate membership is open to those who meet the appropriate membership criteria and are interested in supporting the mission of the organization. To carry out its mission, NCCL provides resources, national conferences, professional development, information, networking, research, and advocacy for its members and others engaged in catechetical ministry. NCCL members gather on a regular basis in the geographical provinces that make up the Latin and Eastern components of the church. Elected representatives from provinces and affiliated

organizations compose the representative council, which along with the board of directors makes up the organization's major governance structures. NCCL grew out of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine movement in the 1930s when diocesan Confraternity for Catholic Doctrine directors first began to meet. NCCL became a separately incorporated organization in 1967. In 2003, NCCL collaborated with the National Association for Lay Ministry and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in the approval and publication of the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*.

The NCCL Officers are Mary Ann Ronan, Phoenix, Arizona, President; Rev. David Loftus, Los Angeles, California, Vice-President; Janet Schaeffler, OP, Detroit, Michigan, Secretary; Lorraine DeLuca, Beaumont, Texas, Treasurer. The Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Portland in Maine, is the Episcopal Moderator. Leland D. Nagel is the Executive Director.

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The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, Inc. (NFCYM) has approved standards for the certification of youth ministry leaders. NFCYM was founded in 1982 to replace and expand upon the services of the National Catholic Youth Organization and most youth services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through a diocesan, regional, and national network encompassing the United States and its territories, the federation provides leadership, resources, programs, and networking to foster the ongoing development of ministry to, with, by, and for youth. The federation comprises 175 affiliated dioceses and 60 collaborating organizations from around the country, all ministering to youth as expressed in *A Vision of Youth Ministry* (1976) and *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* (1997). In 2003, NFCYM collaborated with the National Association for Lay Ministry and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership in the approval and publication of the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*. The National Association of Pastoral Musicians adopted this framework in 2006. Meetings for NFCYM members are held the last week in January. Officers of the board are Carole Goodwin, Archdiocese of Louisville, Chair; Mr. Paul Mach, Diocese of Joliet, First Chair; Michael Hall, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Second Chair; Ms. Michelle Maher, Diocese of Colorado Springs, Secretary/Treasurer. The Most Rev. Jamie Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, California, is the Episcopal Liaison. Robert J. McCarty is the Executive Director.

Organizations with Approved Certification Standards and Procedures for Certifying Ecclesial Ministers

The USCCB/CCA has approved the certification standards and procedures of the following professional organizations for specialized ministries.

American Catholic Correctional Chaplains Association

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The American Catholic Correctional Chaplains Association (ACCCA) has approved standards and procedures to certify correctional chaplains. ACCCA endeavors to influence the corrections and criminal justice system, to develop spirituality within inmates, and to influence the consciences of corrections administrators. Members are a source of communication and support to each other, and share methods of spirituality, training, and ministry programs. National meetings are held in the summer and winter. Meetings in the six regions may be held at any time. The ACCCA has 140 members.

Officers of the board are Rev. Mark C. Schmieder, President; Rev. Michael Koncik, C.SsR., Vice-president; Schauneille R. Allen, Secretary; Rev. Thomas R. Houle, O.F.M. Cap., Treasurer; Rev. Robert Schulze, Past-president; Sr. Peggy Devaney IHM, Certification Chair. The Most Reverend Dominick J. Lagonegro, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, is the Episcopal Moderator.

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The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOSUSA) has approved standards and procedures to certify maritime chaplains. In 1920, Catholic port ministry was conceived and developed in Glasgow, Scotland, to give Christian witness to those working and traveling by sea. In 1922, Pope Pius XI bestowed his blessings on the ministry and encouraged the AOSUSA to extend its mission to the oceans and shores of all the hemispheres. Today, the pastoral care of seafarers and all who travel by sea is entrusted to the AOSUSA, which is international in scope and functions under the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. AOSUSA chaplains are appointed by their bishops. After appointment, chaplains are encouraged to attend the chaplaincy training program for port ministers in order to apply for certification. The AOSUSA has 125 chaplains serving in 65 ports of the United States.

Officers and board members are Rev. Sinclair K. Oubre, President, Port of Port Arthur; CDR Jon

Furukawa, USNR, Vice President, US Coast Guard, Washington, DC, Rev. William E. Reynolds, Secretary, Port of Baltimore; and Deacon Patrick LaPointe, Treasurer, Port of Lake Charles, Rev. Henry Hernando, Port of Half Moon Bay, represents the Pacific Coast. Fr. James P. Keating, Port of Green Bay, represents the Great Lakes. Rev. Rivers Patout, Port of New Orleans, represents the Gulf Coast. Rev. Tom Falkenthal represents the East Coast. Rev. Mathew R. Mauriello represents the cruise ship priest members. The Most Rev. J. Kevin Boland, Bishop of Savannah, Georgia, is the Bishop Promoter. The National Director is Sr. Myrna Tordillo, MSCS.

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The Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) has approved standards and procedures to certify campus ministers. CCMA is a professional organization whose mission is to foster the professional and theological growth of Catholic campus ministers and to promote the mission of the Church in higher education. CCMA carries out this mission through educational opportunities such as conventions, conferences, special workshops, and publications such as newsletters, directories, and journals. Full membership is designed for those currently serving the church in campus ministry. Associate memberships are available for those interested in supporting this ministry. National meetings are held every other January, and regional meetings are held every fourth year. CCMA has more than 1,100 members.

Officers of the board are Rev. Nathan Castle, O.P., Chair; Jeff Klein, Vice Chair; and Sr. Margaret Harig, SND, Treasurer. Cathy Seymour is the chair of the CCMA Certification Committee. Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Lexington, KY, is the Episcopal Moderator. Rev. Martin O. Moran, III, is the Executive Director.

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The National Association of Catholic Chaplains advocates for the profession of spiritual care and educates, certifies, and supports chaplains, clinical pastoral educators, and all members who continue the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church. Membership categories include full member, certified chaplain, certified supervisor, professional affiliate, and student affiliate. The NACC has 3,000 members. Leadership includes Karen Pugliese, M.A., Chair of the Board; Most Rev. Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of Reno, Nevada, Episcopal Liaison; and David A. Lichter, D.Min., Executive Director.

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The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) has approved standards and procedures to certify directors of music ministries. NPM is a membership organization composed primarily of musicians, musician-liturgists, clergy, and other leaders of prayer. NPM is devoted to serving the life and mission of the church by fostering the art of musical liturgy in Catholic worshiping communities. The association offers a wide range of programs and services for its members and the pastoral music and liturgy community: a bimonthly magazine, *Pastoral Music*; a bimonthly newsletter, *Pastoral Music Notebook*; national and regional conventions, diverse institutes offering participants short-term intensive professional development experiences; a hotline position-referral service; 72 diocesan chapters throughout the United States and Canada; support networks for distinct practice areas within the pastoral music community; and generous scholarships to assist with financing education and formation for deserving pastoral musicians.

Officers are Sr. Judith Marie Kubicki, C.S.S.F.; Chair, Dr. Michael Connolly, Vice Chair; Charles Gardner; Dr. James Savage, and Mr. Stephen Petrunak. Dr. Kathleen DeJardin is the Certification Chair of the Director of Music Ministries Division. Dr. J. Michael McMahon is the president of NPM.

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The National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains (NCCAC) has approved standards and procedures to certify airport chaplains. NCCAC, in affiliation with the USCCB Committee on Migration, provides support and communication for all Catholics performing pastoral ministry to airport workers, airline workers, and travelers. There are 33 international airports with a Catholic airport chaplain: Albuquerque, Atlanta Hartsfield, Baltimore Washington, Boston Logan, Buffalo, Charlotte Douglas, Chicago Midway, Chicago O'Hare, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky, Cleveland Hopkins, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Detroit Metropolitan, Ft. Lauderdale, Houston Bush Intercontinental, Houston Hobby, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Miami, Newark, New York John F. Kennedy, Orlando, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Sacramento Metro, St. Louis Lambert, San Diego Lindbergh, San Francisco, Sarasota/Bradenton, Seattle/Tacoma, Washington Dulles, Washington Reagan National, and Wilkes Barre/Scranton. Founded in 1986, the NCCAC has 57 members.

Members of the board of directors are Rev. Fr. Michael G. Zaniolo, STL, CAC, NCCAC President (ORD); Rev. John P. Fitzgerald, Vice President (PIT); Rev. Mr. Peter Broussard, Secretary (ABQ); Mr. Dennis Jordan, Treasurer (MIA); Rev. James Devine, CAC; and Rev. Glenn O'Connor (IND). His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago, IL, is the Episcopal Liaison.

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The National Conference of Veterans Affairs Catholic Chaplains (NCVACC) has approved standards and procedures to certify veteran chaplains. NCVACC provides mutual support for members working in the VA Chaplain Service, a forum for the study and development of all phases of VA pastoral care. Any VA Catholic chaplain is eligible for membership. The NCVACC also serves as a corporate body for contact and communication with the national episcopal advisor and archbishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Certification of members requires the following: the successful completion of two units of Clinical Pastoral Education with comprehensive evaluation by a certified CPE supervisor from an accredited program; a written statement identifying the candidate's theology of team ministry, sacramental ministry, and ecumenism; evidence of updated theological training, such as seminars, diocesan workshops, and other education programs; adherence to a code of ethics that would protect confidentiality; compliance with government regulations regarding discrimination and equity; and compliance with guidelines to ensure ethical practice by professional staff and candidates. Renewal of certification takes place every five years. Meetings for members are usually held annually. The NCVACC has 86 members.

Officers are Rev. James Burnett, President; Rev. Gerard (Damian) Schill, Vice President; Rev. James Stump, OFM Cap., Treasurer; Rev. Pat Laghazza, ss.cc., Secretary; Rev. Mathew Eraly, Director; Rev. Raymond Lagace OFM, Director; Rev. Martin Smith-Soucier, Director. The Most Rev. Richard B. Higgins, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, is the Episcopal Vicar for Veterans Affairs.

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The Minnesota Catholic Education Association (MCEA) has approved standards and procedures to certify parish catechetical leaders and youth ministry leaders. MCEA was established as a Minnesota non-profit corporation in 1994 for the purpose of providing a forum for discussing common ministerial issues for diocesan education and faith formation leaders. The mission of the MCEA's Leadership Forum is to be a voice for lifelong Catholic formation, education, and instruction for the six dioceses of Minnesota. Historically, the challenge always before the Leadership Forum is the question: "What can we do better together than alone?" The MCEA has used this self-imposed challenge in working to develop common certification standards and procedures for the six dioceses of Minnesota; Crookston, Duluth, New Ulm, St. Cloud, St. Paul/Minneapolis, and Winona.

This is the first time that multiple dioceses within a state have collaborated to develop a common certification process for lay ecclesial ministers that utilizes the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers* published by the National Association for Lay Ministry, the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Although there is a common certification process, MCEA does not actually certify lay ecclesial ministers. Rather, the local ordinary within each arch/diocese grants certification to their respective lay ecclesial ministers.

MCEA Board of Directors: Barbara Schmidt, Chairperson, MCEA Leadership Forum; Christopher Leifeld, Executive Director, Minnesota Catholic Conference; and Dr. Peter Noll, MCEA Executive Director.

Organizations Preparing for Approval of Certification Standards and Procedures

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The *Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions* (FDLC) is a national organization composed primarily of members of diocesan liturgical commissions, worship offices and/or the equivalent diocesan liturgical structures. These diocesan liturgical personnel, appointed by their bishops, have responsibility for the promotion of the liturgical life of their dioceses. The FDLC serves as an official collaborating agent between the local churches through diocesan worship offices and liturgical commissions and the USCCB Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

The goal of the FDLC is to promote the liturgy as the heart of Christian life-especially in the parish community. As a pastoral, "locally-based," and professional organization, the FDLC shall be committed to assist the Catholic Church in the United States of America, its hierarchy, the local churches, and the individual bishops in their responsibilities of providing positive leadership in liturgical celebration, education, and development.

Any dues paying Diocese in the United States and its territories is eligible for membership in the FDLC. Membership entitles each Diocese to have two voting delegates at the National Meeting. In addition, the FDLC offers associate and industry memberships. Lisa A. Tarker is the Executive Director.

**Arch/Diocesan Offices with Approved Certification
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The Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry (OFCYM) is seeking approval of certification standards and procedures for catechetical leaders serving as directors of religious education, parish and Catholic school coordinators of religious education and parish and Catholic school coordinators of youth ministry. The OFCYM also collaborates with the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministries responsible for the certification of Pastoral Associates. It is the hope of the OFCYM that by the approval of its certification standards and procedures by the USCCB/CCA, the quality of ministry of these catechetical leaders who are devoted to serving the life and mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago will be enhanced. Alex Wroblicky, Coordinator of Certification and Ministerial Development, oversees the certification process, and Ms. Maria H. Sedano is the Director of the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry.

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The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has approved standards and procedures to certify youth ministry leaders and advanced youth ministry leaders. Committed to Christ and dedicated to young people, the office develops and supports leadership for comprehensive youth ministry and young adult ministry in the faith communities of the archdiocese. In pursuit of this mission, the office trains and certifies lay ecclesial ministers serving as youth ministry leaders. Sean Reynolds is the Director of the office and oversees the certification process.

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The Office for Faith Formation/Catechetics has approved standards and procedures to certify directors of religious education. The office is responsible for the professional development and leadership of directors and catechetical programs in the vicariates and parishes of the archdiocese. The office grants certification to those who extend catechetical ministry in parishes and who meet the eligibility requirements of the archdiocese and the USCCB/CCA-approved standards and procedures. The office works closely with the Institute for Ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary to provide the academic courses and degree programs to prepare catechetical leaders. Sr. Kathleen Matz, C.D.P., Associate Director, oversees the certification process.

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The Office for Youth Ministry has approved standards and procedures to certify directors of youth ministry. The mission of the office is to develop and support leadership for total youth ministry. It primarily serves parish and vicariate leadership, enabling them to take responsibility for their youth ministry. The office also works closely with the Institute for Ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in offering a program to train, nurture, and prepare youth ministers for their ministry in local parishes and vicariates. Joyce Francois is the Director of the office and oversees the certification process.

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The Office for Pastoral Ministers has approved standards and procedures to certify pastoral ministers. The office was established in July of 2001, prompted by Vicariate planning with a focus on professional church ministry formation. The office was strongly urged and proposed by the Archdiocesan Program Review

Committee, and was created as an archdiocesan liaison with pastoral ministers, especially those serving in parishes. The office works with a certification review board and oversees ministerial certification based on the USCCB/CCA approved standards and procedures and national standards and competencies, which includes processing applicants and granting various levels of certification to pastoral ministers. In addition, the office provides ongoing formation for professional ecclesial ministers, through conferences, workshops, and basic topic courses that the office develops and sponsors. The office also links efforts with other diocesan offices and with the Catholic seminaries, universities, and colleges in the area and beyond for certificate and degree opportunities. The office also has developed a multifaceted approach to identify, invite, recruit, and form ministers for servant leadership within the church. This initiative is called *Mission Possible: The New Face of Church Leadership...Yours!* James Kiefer is the Director of the office and oversees the certification process.

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The Office of Catechesis has approved standards and procedures to certify parish catechetical leaders. The office collaborated with the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and the Office of Youth Ministry to ensure consistency of a unified certification processes. The office serves parishes and parish catechetical leaders in their ministry of providing effective faith formation programs for adults, teens, and children. The office also promotes the professional development of religious education, directors of adult education, and other catechetical leaders who provide direction for parish adult education/faith formation programs, parish religious education programs, and Catholic schools. This process includes a detailed orientation to ministry, some mentoring by veteran catechetical program leaders, and the promotion of spiritual and academic formation for catechetical ministry leaders. This formation process is based on the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*. Michael Andrews is the Director of the Office of Catechesis.

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The Office of Youth Ministry has approved standards and procedures to certify coordinators of youth ministry. The office collaborated with the Office of Catechesis and the Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry to ensure consistency of a unified certification process. The mission of the office is to provide leadership training and formation for youth ministry leaders, especially coordinators of youth ministry. This formation process is based on the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*. The office is committed to providing formation, so that youth will be served by competent ministers who are prepared to serve the varied needs of our youth and to minister to and with them. Patrick Rinker is the Director of the Office of Youth Ministry.

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The Office for Lay Ecclesial Ministry has approved standards and procedures to certify pastoral associates/ministers and pastoral coordinators. The office collaborated with the Office of Catechesis and the Office of Youth Ministry to ensure consistency of a unified certification process. The mission of the office states the belief that all Catholics are called to Christian discipleship, and that everyone through our baptism is empowered to share in the priestly, prophetic, and servant ministry of Jesus. Additionally, some are called and gifted for the service of ecclesial leadership. In response to the gift and call for lay ecclesial leaders, the office provides formation which includes pastoral and theological study, spiritual direction and reflection, development of pastoral skills, and processes to facilitate integration of the various formation components. The office also provides ongoing formation and professional development for lay ecclesial ministers serving in a variety of ministries. Nancy Joseph is the Director of the office and oversees the certification process.

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The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has approved standards and procedures to certify coordinators of youth ministry. The mission of the office is to promote the vision of youth and young adult ministry articulated in the U.S. bishops' documents entitled *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* and *Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults*. The office provides resources, programs, and training, and serves as an advocate for youth and young adults on every level of parish and diocesan ministry in order to foster the personal and spiritual development of youth and young adults within the diocese. Mr. Thomas Smith, Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, oversees the certification process.

TEXAS

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The Office of Continuing Christian Education has received initial approval of their certification standards and procedures to certify Parish Catechetical Leaders. Those leaders who have completed *Basic Formation for Catechetical Leadership/Formación Básica para Liderazgo Catequético* or an equivalent, have practical experience in catechetical leadership, and have full Catechist Certification or its equivalent, are candidates for this certification. Those called to this ministry who desire continuing formation in a program designed specifically for professional Parish Catechetical Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend the archdiocesan Catechetical Leadership Institute. This Institute consists of two years of formation within which participants develop the following: an understanding of the code of ethics for professional catechetical ministers; the necessary skills to minister in an inclusive, intercultural church and diocese; knowledge of how to apply catechetical leadership skills through an active process which includes prayer, reflection, fellowship, and networking with other catechetical leaders; the experience of being mentored; and participation in a practicum process each year. The Archdiocese is committed to the formation of catechetical leaders and is responding to a two-fold call: a national call for competent parish catechetical leaders and a local call from the catechetical leaders to be recognized through meeting national standards and all certification requirements of the archdiocese.

Anne Comeaux is the Director of the Office of Continuing Christian Education. Esperanza Monterrubio and Linda Cussen are Associate Directors responsible for formation programs for Parish Catechetical Leaders in Galveston-Houston's Spanish and English speaking communities, respectively. Both Associates also oversee the certification process of parish catechetical leaders.

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The Office of Youth Ministry has received initial approval of their certification standards and procedures to certify youth ministry leaders. Youth ministry leaders are devoted to serving the life and mission of the church through ministry to adolescents and are committed to growth in discipleship and service. As stated in the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*, certification serves three goals: to give direction to the future of youth ministry, to recognize and affirm those persons already in ministry, and to promote faithful, competent, and accountable lay ecclesial ministry. The office offers formation and support of leadership for comprehensive youth ministry as articulated in *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*. The formation process, rooted in Catholic tradition, focuses on the specialized training of knowledge and skills for meeting the needs of all youth and for recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers. Brian Johnson is the Director of the office, and responsible for overseeing the certification processes.

Arch/Diocesan Offices Preparing for Approval of Certification Standards and Procedures

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The Office of Religious Education (ORE) and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (OYYAM) are seeking initial approval of their certification standards and procedures for Catechetical Leaders and Advanced Youth Ministry Leaders. The ORE is driven by the mission of total education and formation of catechetical leaders and advanced youth ministry leaders, who will contribute to shaping the future of Christianity in the Catholic tradition. The OYYAM provides leadership in research, development and coordination of youth and young adult ministry programming for the Diocese of Savannah. The Offices have a fervent desire to recognize and empower these specialized ecclesial ministers, by providing for them comprehensive training that not only equips them for ministry, but authenticates their calling to serve Christ. The ORE and OYYAM are working together to provide innovative, relational leadership and support by seeking approval of certification standards and procedures whereby these catechetical leaders and advanced youth ministry leaders can be certified. Ann Pinckney is the Director of ORE and Chuck Frost is the Director of OYYAM.

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The Office of Catechetics is seeking initial approval of certification standards and procedures for parish catechetical leaders. The office is responsible for the professional development of parish catechetical leaders and for ensuring that each parish has a quality catechetical program which successfully passes the faith on to parishioners of all ages. Toward this end, the office conducts an annual Summer Catechetical Institute, holds regular regional meetings with parish catechetical leaders, publishes a monthly newsletter, and offers speakers for in-services. Laura Barron is the Coordinator of Catechetical Administration, and Dr. Douglas Grandon is the Director of the Office of Catechetics that oversees the certification of parish catechetical leaders.

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The Office of Religious Education is seeking initial approval for certification standards and procedures for parish DRE's, CRE's, and ARE's and is committed to the recognition and professional development of parish catechetical leaders. The office worked closely with Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA in the development of its MA in Pastoral Ministry and continues to partner with the college. The office partners with the University of Dayton VLCFF program and also offers courses on the local level to encourage the certification of ARE's and CRE's. Ms. Elizabeth A. Marcil is the Director of the Office of Religious Education and oversees the standards and procedures for the certification of Parish Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Worcester. Ms. Barbara Ramian, Associate Director of the Office of Religious Education administers the process.

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The Pastoral Musician Certification process is connected to the Office for Christian Worship in the Department of Parish Life and Services. The office was strongly urged by the Department Director to develop a Certification Program for Pastoral Musicians for the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Worship Office as do other diocesan offices became integrated into the certification process of the Archdiocese which is directly connected to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation, (USCCB/CCA). The Worship Office works directly with the Certification Review Board to grant local certification for pastoral ministries utilizing the approved standards, procedures and national standards and competencies. In addition, musical competencies and experience are reviewed along with the theological competencies.

In addition the Worship Office provides ongoing formation for professional ecclesial ministers through conferences, workshops, and basic topic courses that the Worship Office develops and sponsors. It also links efforts with other diocesan offices and with the Catholic seminaries, universities and colleges in the geographic area and beyond for degree and certificate opportunities. The process has its own board with its members represented at the Certification Board for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Louis Canter is the director of this program working collaboratively with Daniel McAfee, Director of the Office for Christian Worship.

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The Office of Religious Education is seeking initial approval for certification standards and procedures for parish catechetical leaders and is committed to the recognition and professional development of parish catechetical leaders. The office works closely with Providence College, Rhode Island, to provide the on-line academic courses to prepare catechetical leaders while providing administrative components in courses sponsored by the diocese. Msgr. Michael J. Corona is the Interim Director of the Office of Religious Education and oversees the standards and procedures for the certification of Parish Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese of Metuchen. Pat Martin is the administrative assistant.

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The Office for Youth Ministry is seeking initial approval of its certification standards and procedures for youth ministry leaders. Committed to excellence in ministry, the office has adopted nationally approved certification standards and developed diocesan procedures to certify youth ministry leaders. Actualizing the office mission, the office is dedicated to the development and support of youth ministry leaders as the work of the office enhances their professional knowledge and ministerial abilities. The office employs a variety of formational programs from within the diocese and institutions of higher learning. The office works to assist youth ministry leaders toward excellence in ministry to, for, and with God's people, the Church. Paul Joseph Kotlowski is the Director of the office and Peg Ruble, Associate Director, oversees the development of the certification standards and procedures for youth ministry leaders.

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