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TITLE: Lay Ministry in the Diocesan Church

TERM: September – December 2018 [20189]

PROFESSOR: Josephine Lombardi

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO _____

UNLIMITED _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is rooted in an ever-deepening awareness that all Christians are, by virtue of their baptism, incorporated into the People of God, and all of them “in their own way share the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ,” as they carry out their mission in the Church (*Lumen Gentium* #31). This course seeks to enable those who are ready to respond to the call of ministry with an appreciation of what this means and guide them to find their place in the servant Church of Christ.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with a general overview of the diocesan church and the means by which it attempts to fulfill its mission to teach, to sanctify and to serve.
To analyze the various structures and organizations of the diocesan administration and provide students with some insight into the mechanisms employed and how they might be improved to better serve God’s people.
To encourage students to consider the ecclesial framework with which to apply the theological and pastoral knowledge acquired.
To facilitate an understanding of the developments found in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and its reflection in the New Code of Canon Law.
To promote a deeper understanding and love for the Body of Christ as it comes to be manifested in the local church.

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Documents of Vatican Council II and other official Church documents (available on-line)

Leckey, Dolores. *Rediscovering Vatican II: The Laity and Christian Education* (Mahwah, New Jersey: Paulist Press, 2007).

Lombardi, Josephine. *Disciples of All Nations. A Practical Guide to the New Evangelization* (Toronto: Novalis, 2014). (excerpt provided in class)

Wood, Susan K, (ed). *Ordering the Baptismal Priesthood. Theologies of Lay and Ordained Ministry.* (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2003).

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Participation 15%

Lay Preaching Assignment 40%

Research Paper OR Ministry Development Project 45%

ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests,” 1997.

John Paul II, “On the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World,” *Christifideles Laici*, Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, 1988.

John Paul II, “Address on the Participation of the Laity in the Priestly Ministry,” 1994

Josephine Lombardi, **Educational Models and Practices in Theological Education: Roman Catholic Schools Formation of Laity Peer Group Report for the Association of Theological Schools, 2018. Available on the ATS website.**

<https://www.ats.edu/uploads/resources/current-initiatives/educational-models/publications-and-presentations/peer-group-final-reports/peer-group-final-report-book.pdf>

New Code of Canon Law

McKenzie, German. *Lay Associations and Ecclesial Movements: Criteria.* (Office of Evangelization: Diocese of St. Catharine’s, 2010).

USCCB, [Co-Workers in the Vineyard.](http://www.usccb.org/upload/co-workers-vineyard-lay-ecclesial-ministry-2005.pdf) <http://www.usccb.org/upload/co-workers-vineyard-lay-ecclesial-ministry-2005.pdf>

