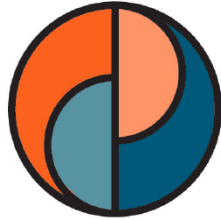




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# FALL SEMESTER **2023**





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**The Center for Learning exists to help pastoral leaders and decision-makers minister more confidently and effectively.**

We provide programs, resources, thought leadership, and ministry support that promote professional formation, development, and growth.

*We operate through the behaviors of collegiality, professionalism, accompaniment, and inclusion.*

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The Fall Semester of programming from the Center for Learning focuses on “foundations.” A strong foundation is critical to the strength of the structure above, and so need to be built (or rebuilt) with great care. In the same way, certain aspects of our practice form the “bedrock” of our ministry, making the rest of what we do possible.

## WEBINARS [free sessions]

<b>August 3</b>	Creating a culture of hospitality in parish ministries
<b>August 10</b>	Recruiting volunteers: The art and science of invitation
<b>August 17</b>	Forming an effective liturgy committee in your parish
<b>August 24</b>	Best practices for planning and leading effective rehearsals
<b>August 31</b>	Developing your children’s choir program
<b>September 21</b>	Best practices for working with aging voices
<b>October 5</b>	Introducing new music to your congregation
<b>October 19</b>	Managing stress and avoiding burnout (before it happens)
<b>November 2</b>	Sound system essentials for pastoral ministers
<b>November 16</b>	Evaluating worship: Liturgical assessment basics

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES [paid sessions]

<b>September</b>	Forming young accompanists for ministry
<b>October</b>	Recruiting and managing volunteers for parish ministries
<b>November</b>	Approaches to change management for pastoral ministers

**A Professional Learning Community (PLC) is a small cohort of practitioners who share a desire to explore the same topic, question, or issue of practice.**

Each cohort is led by one or more facilitators who have significant professional experience and knowledge in the PLC focus area. The cohort meets in multiple sessions over a brief period with each session functioning as an interactive conversation. Sessions have a defined objective and recommended follow-up action. This action asks participants to put session concepts into practice. The experience of this action is debriefed as a cohort in the next session.



## THE LITURGY FORECAST [paid sessions]

The Liturgy Forecast is a series of informative conversations on liturgical seasons with and for pastoral ministers. Featuring a panel of experts, each session focuses on one season of the liturgical year, providing a firm foundation for anyone who needs to plan liturgies, select music, design a liturgical environment, write homilies, and more. A companion series is also available for Catholic schools and campus ministries. Each session will go over:

- Any relevant “rules and regulations” (no “Gloria” on Sundays of Advent, etc.)
- An overview of the cycle of readings
- Any associated Rites or celebrations (i.e., penance services, etc.)
- A review of the way the season lines up with the actual calendar (i.e., what to do when the Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve, as it is in 2023)

These conversations provide practical, timely formation that will help anyone involved in the liturgy to do their job well in their particular context within a supportive and healthy learning community. Participants can register for one liturgical season or subscribe for the entire liturgical year.

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## MINISTRY COACHING [free and paid sessions]

The Center for Learning's personalized coaching services provide one-on-one support for liturgical and pastoral ministers in parishes, Catholic schools and other ministries. Led by a trained coach with extensive ministry experience, coaching sessions address the needs of the coachee. No matter your needs, ministry coaching can help you develop competencies, skills, and confidence.

The first coaching session is always free. Here goals are identified and a coaching program is built collaboratively between the coach and the coachee. The cost of coaching is based upon the number of sessions you choose. Schedule your free coaching session to learn more.

You met me where I was at and walked with me. Your questions helped me find my way forward. You focused on what was important for me and my ministry.

- **Jonathan, Director of Religious Education, Iowa**

I felt affirmed and supported in my ministry in ways I haven't felt for a long time. I am so much more confident. Others have noticed it, too. My ministry is making a bigger impact.

- **Mary Beth, Director of Music and Liturgy, California**

Even when we talked about a challenge I was facing, I left every coaching conversation feeling motivated and energized. You didn't give me answers; you helped shape the way I think through those challenges. I feel so much more equipped to handle whatever comes next.

- **David, Director of Youth Ministry, Minnesota**

I get frustrated after attending a workshop because I don't know what to do with all of the great information I just received. Coaching has helped me to actually do the work and implement the ideas.

- **Robert, Deacon, Louisiana**

I feel like I remember my "why" again. I was burned out and stressed. The challenges are still there, but now I know how to navigate through them in a healthy way.

- **Maria, Director of Music and Liturgy, Connecticut**

As a pastor, I don't have as much time to spend with my staff as I need. I can see the difference coaching has made for my staff. They are more effective. Our whole staff benefits from their ideas and energy. I wish every member of my staff received coaching. It is worth every penny.

- **Fr. Mark, Priest, California**

I've been wanting to meet these goals for a long time. Every time I started, I'd get stuck or hit a roadblock. Coaching helped me finally make progress, and now I'm meeting my goals and making a difference in the ways I had always wanted to.

- **Hannah, Director of Religious Education, Illinois**

# CENTER FOR LEARNING PROGRAMS



## **Personalized ministry coaching**

One-on-one support for liturgical and pastoral ministers to improve organization, communication, stress management and more



## **Ministry consulting**

Providing liturgical, administrative and leadership solutions at the organizational level for dioceses, parishes, schools and more



## **Professional learning communities**

Communities of ministry professionals who can support and learn from one another



## **Institutos**

Spanish-language liturgical formation and training events for Hispanic pastoral musicians focused on the role of musicians in the liturgy



## **Workshop Series**

Four-part Spanish-language workshops for pastoral musicians on various subjects relating to music, liturgy, ministry and spirituality



## **And much more!**

Other resources and educational opportunities to make your ministry more effective including webinars, planning tools and more!

