



Archdiocese of Liverpool

DIOCESE OF  SALFORD

# Diploma

## in Pastoral Ministry & Leadership

*In partnership with Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies  
and in association with Liverpool Hope University*



*"Today we need a Church capable of walking at people's side  
... a Church which accompanies them on their journey."*

Pope Francis

# The Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership

focuses especially on developing the art of accompaniment in leadership over three years. Supplementing the core two year, online learning course described below are three complementary elements essential to good leadership: leadership workshops; a supervised pastoral project and an independent research project.



## Online Learning

A new and unique opportunity is now available to students from the Archdiocese of Liverpool and Diocese of Salford to participate in online learning for the 10 core modules which will form the foundation of the Diploma. These will be provided by *Loyola University, Chicago* leading to an award of a *Certificate in Pastoral Ministry*.

The customised certificate will consist of 10 six-week modules delivered in an online format allowing participants the freedom and flexibility of study in their own home. Integral to the course will be three days for participants to meet each other face to face, facilitated by Sr Catherine Darby SND and Mrs Veronica Murphy who are the UK co-ordinators for the course. They will gather students together for prayer, reflection and creative engagement with the overall themes. Participants will need to be serious about their own faith development, willing to serve in the local church and have competent computer skills.



## Learning Style

The course will model adult learning and shared praxis and be rooted in theological texts and the lived experience of participants. Each module will require approximately 20 hours of time for online engagement, reading and reflection.



## Leadership Workshops

These workshops provide opportunities for students to develop their interpersonal skills alongside their ability to work with and in a variety of group settings. They will aim to develop the skills essential for reflective leadership within a context of change and transition. As well as providing opportunities for developing effective catechetical skills they will provide opportunities for integrating the taught elements from their online learning experience. Four evening workshops will be offered in years one and two with a further two Saturday workshops provided in year three. The workshops available are as follows:

## Year 1

January-  
December 2018

- Skills for Reflective Leadership: *Thursday 15 March*
- Ways of Working with Scripture I: *Thursday 14 June*
- Ways of Working with Scripture II: *Thursday 27 September*
- Use of Digital Technology and Image for Catechesis: *Thursday 8 November*

## Year 2

January-  
December 2019

- Listening Skills
  - Proclaiming the Word
  - Bringing Catechetical Resources to Life
  - Facilitation Skills
- dates to be confirmed.*

## Year 3

January-  
December 2020

- Leading Prayer and Worship
  - Change and Transition
- these workshops will take place on two Saturdays, dates to be confirmed.*

Through our long association with Liverpool Hope University we are able to offer a *Continuing Professional Development Award* [C.P.D.] for each of these ten workshops.

These workshops will be available across the dioceses at a cost of £25 but are included as part of the Diploma fees.

Once the online certificate course has been completed two further elements will be required to achieve the Diploma award.

### ***Pastoral Project***

Students will have decided on an aspect of pastoral ministry and leadership that they wish to focus on. They will design, implement and evaluate a significant piece of work within their chosen pastoral context and will receive pastoral accompaniment during it.

### ***Independent Research Project***

Through negotiation with a personal tutor, students will be able to deepen and develop their understanding of one area of learning that has become significant for them during the two years of their certificate course. They will research and write a 3500-word study on a question agreed with their tutor.

## Getting Started

The new *Certificate* and *Diploma* courses will begin with the *Induction Gathering* on **Saturday 20 January**.

**Enrolment** for either course must be completed no later than **15 December 2017**.

## Costs

The full **Diploma** costs £2500 over the three years. This will be payable in three instalments: £1000 payable no later than 31 December 2017; £1000 payable no later than 31 December 2018 and £500 payable no later than December 2019. Each instalment will be non-refundable under normal circumstances. An increasing number of parishes are willing to support students by offering help with the cost of the Diploma.

There will also be some expenditure necessary to meet the reading requirements of the course but many books are available at reduced cost through online sites specialising in second-hand books.

## Information Sessions

The following Information Sessions are being offered across the North of England. *You may attend any one of them.*

### Wednesday 4 October

LACE  
Croxteth Drive  
LIVERPOOL L17 1AA  
7.00 for 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

### Thursday 10 October

Salford Cathedral Centre  
3 Ford Street  
SALFORD M3 6DP  
7.00 for 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

### Saturday 4 November

Hinsley Hall  
62 Headingley Lane  
LEEDS LS6 2BX  
10.30 for 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
OR  
2.30 for 3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

## Further Information

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