



Office of Lay Ministry Formation
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Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry Formation

*There has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the laity in the Church. We can count on many lay persons, although still not nearly enough, who have a deeply-rooted sense of community and great fidelity to the tasks of charity, catechesis and the celebration of the faith... The **formation of the laity** and the evangelization of professional and intellectual life represent a significant pastoral challenge.*

Pope Francis -The Joy of the Gospel, par. 102



*Is God inspiring **you** to answer Pope Francis' call to be formed for lay ministry?*

The Kateri Institute will help you:

- Deepen your **knowledge of our Catholic faith**
- Enrich your **prayer life**
- **Form community** with fellow lay ministers
- **Share your faith** with greater ease
- Grow in **confidence** as you **develop skills for ministry**

Essential Facts – The Kateri Institute

- A 3-year diocesan program
- Meets once a month on a Saturday (September to June) at regional site(s).
- Nurtures our baptismal call to ministry by providing foundational knowledge and skills for ministry on the parish/regional level.
- Collaborates with other diocesan departments to offer formation for leadership in a specific area of ministry.
- Applicants must have a supportive recommendation from their pastor or parish life director.
- Applications can be found online at www.rcda.org or call 518-453-6670 the Lay Ministry Formation office. **Due by August 1st**
- 2016-2019 First Year Site(s):
Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson *others in process*
- Cost is \$595 per year (plus books) Some scholarship assistance available; extended payments available; parishes generally contribute for a participant as circumstances allow.