

The Aims & Objectives

Our foundation for the Lay Formation program is to offer a formative space for participants to be transformed as they deepen their faith and understanding of Christian baptism. Together as the Body of Christ, we are called and committed to the mission and ministry of Jesus in the world.

The 3 essential elements are:

Prayer

To provide an experience, understanding and appreciation of prayer and liturgy that opens participants to personal and communal encounters with God.

Teaching

To present the teaching and wisdom of the Church, grounded in scripture and ecclesiology through community, celebration, theology and spirituality within a dynamic, adult learning environment.

Community

To facilitate an experience of Christian community that models the church as community and calls forth the ministry of hospitality.

Within a context of diversity so that participants may:

1. Grow in appreciation of ways in which the Gospel is incarnated in cultures & experiences.
2. Take up the call to live the Gospel in and through our own culture and experience.
3. Long for and pursue unity, as God desires “that they may all be one” (John 17:21)

Lay Formation Participants enter into **formation** and move into **transformation** by being open to and making a personal commitment to 5 main essentials:

1. To deepen my relationship with God and become more attentive to God’s presence in all of life.
2. To make space for God’s revelation of the centrality of the Paschal Mystery so that I may:
 - ◆ See the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus reflected in all of life.
 - ◆ Know God’s love, compassion, mercy and forgiveness, and
 - ◆ Grow in my capacity to deal with the joys and challenges of Christian life and mission.
3. To open myself to a broad perspective on the various ministries available to lay people, to listen for God’s call to ministry, and to discern where God is calling me to use my gifts at the service of the Church and the world.
4. To anchor myself in God the Potter, who continues to mold and shape us, that I may:
 - ◆ Embrace change in myself, in others, in the Church and in the world as an opportunity to participate in the building the kingdom,
 - ◆ Grow in my ability to discern what is unchanging and what is passing, and
 - ◆ Become ever more fashioned into the image of God.
5. To enter into the discipline of discipleship, that it will foster spiritual growth, Christian maturity, and a life-long commitment to learning and formation in faith.

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