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TITLE: Lay Ministry in the Diocesan Church

TERM: F **YEAR:** 2009-2010

PROFESSOR: Dr. Josephine Lombardi

REGISTRATION: 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:

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Documents of Vatican II

Gaillardetz, Richard R. *A Vision of Pastoral Ministry*. (Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications, 2002).

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

Recommended:

New Code of Canon Law

POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:

Participation: Every student should be prepared to comment on assigned reading.	10% of final mark.
Research Paper (10 -12 pages long): Topics can be discussed with the instructor.	50% of final mark Due: Monday, November 30, 2009
Student presentations: 10- 15 minutes based on a topic raised in class discussion, required reading, lectures.	40 % of final mark Presentations will be made on December 7 and 14 . Additional dates may be added.

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