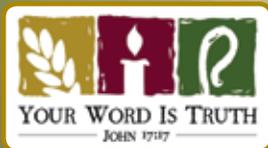




The Programme of Formation includes:

- Prayer and Spirituality (Spiritual accompaniment and days of recollection)
- Pastoral Formation (A practical pastoral placement)
- Personal Development (Mentoring and personal growth)
- Study (Successfully complete an accredited programme entitled Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (Level 6, 30 Credits) over a two year period.



A PROGRAMME OF FORMATION FOR LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP



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Listening Process and Seeds of Hope Pastoral Plan

Each one of us is invited to dream and to plant seeds now that will bear fruit over time as the Holy Spirit leads and directs our journey ahead. The Diocesan Plan is composed of five “seeds” that are now being sown into the life of the church in Cashel and Emly.

I invite you to discover or re-discover your baptismal call to be a missionary disciple – a follower of Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Each believer is called to assist in the planting so that each one may begin to fulfill their role in the great commission given to us in Matthew’s gospel:

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations ... and look I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”
(Mt 28:19,20)

Archbishop Kieran O’Reilly
Seeds of Hope

Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly
2021 – 2026



THE CALL OF POPE FRANCIS

Lay people are, put simply, the vast majority of the people of God. There has been a growing awareness of the identity and mission of the laity in the Church.

At the same time, a clear awareness of this responsibility of the laity, grounded in their baptism and confirmation, does not appear in the same way in all places. In some cases, it is because lay persons have not been given the formation needed to take on important responsibilities.

Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium, 102

PROGRAMME DETAILS

BACKGROUND

This programme is designed and developed as an initiative across the Dioceses of the Cashel Province in association with the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies at MIC Thurles.

It provides training for those who are interested in working as volunteer catechists or lay pastoral workers at parish and pastoral area level. The programme combines rich academic content with pastoral skills and promotes the personal and spiritual development of the participants with an awareness of the cultural context in which they will minister. The programme is both practical and theoretical and is grounded in pastoral spirituality.

DURATION

The programme runs for 30 months.

After an initial six-month period of discernment the candidate may enrol in an accredited Certificate in Pastoral Ministry awarded by Mary Immaculate College.

The Certificate programme will take place one weekend per month (Friday evening and all-day Saturday for 8 months per annum) for two years.

CERTIFICATION

The IIPS Certificate in Pastoral Ministry will be offered for the first time in the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly in the Academic Year 2022 – 2023, at the Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies in Thurles.

