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Dear Pastors/Parochial Administrators:

It is with great excitement I announce our partnership with the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology to offer a Master's Degree Program for lay persons in ministry within the Diocese of Sacramento. The Master's in Theology for Ecclesial Mission (MATHem) is presented by the DSPT faculty via a combination of online and live sessions. I ask your support in finding possible candidates from your parish that will be suited for this program. Properly trained ministers are essential to improving our "catechetical programs as well as expand[ing] opportunities for cradle-to-grave formation", as the diocesan strategic plan states. Candidates should desire to serve the church as a volunteer or paid staff member in a pastoral role, and must have a Bachelor's degree. The first cohort will start in Summer 2022. We will have an information session via Zoom on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 6pm.

This Master's Program will equip our Lay leadership with broad, orthodox theological foundations as well pastoral, catechetical and leadership skills to better serve the Church of the Sacramento Diocese.

I am aware of the difficulties lay ministers have financing a Master's degree. With this in mind, we can offer a limited number of Diocesan Scholarships. The scholarship works as follows: the student, the Diocese, and the Parish each pay a third of the cost of the program and in return for this financial support, the student agrees to serve the Diocese after graduation as a Master Catechist and likewise agrees to serve the sponsoring parish for at least 4 years after graduation.

Please visit www.scd.org/graduateprograms for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Lauralyn Solano, Assistant Director for Lay Formation at 916-733-0153 or lsolano@scd.org.

Yours In Christ,


Deacon Kevin Staszko
Director


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Assistant Director for Lay Formation



Master of Arts in Theology for Ecclesial Mission

Part-Time Hybrid Graduate Program

The Master of Arts in Theology for Ecclesial Mission is a hybrid program designed to provide primarily a professional preparation for leadership in the Church. The program is especially focused on forming the laity to work alongside the clergy. Toward this end, the program is designed so that students become knowledgeable in subjects, content, and themes of theology that the clergy receive in their theological formation, and apply them to the lay vocation.

Join our next virtual info session:
March 24, 2022 @ 6pm PT

Register here:

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