

Office of Ministry Formation



The Office of Ministry Formation provides essential leadership and educational opportunities for women and men called to various ministries in parishes and to lay ecclesial ministry as Parish Life Directors/Associates. Through its programs and workshops, this office provides participants with a solid grounding in Scripture, theology, and ministry skills on both an initial and ongoing basis.

In 2009

- 101 women and men participated in the Formation for Ministry Program at regional sites: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Watervliet; St. Vincent de Paul, Albany; Our Lady of Mercy, Colonie; St. Joseph's, Greenfield Center; St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park.
- 26 women and men from 18 parishes were commissioned to serve in their parishes after completion of the Formation for Ministry Program.
- 2 men, upon completion of the Formation for Ministry Program, were accepted into the Aspirancy Program for Diaconal Formation.
- 210 people participated in a day-long Ministry Day in May, 2009.
- 517 people participated in the combined Ministry Day/Parish Convening in November, 2009.
- Oversaw the development of a grant-funded diocesan initiative for pastoral care ministry to enhance outreach to the elderly, sick, and homebound of our parishes.
- Directed the implementation of grant-funded diocesan distance learning capabilities.

The Parish Life Directors/Associates have:

- Participated in: Liturgy and Worship Workshop, Day of Reflection
- Gathered three times for networking and support.
- Networked regularly via email.
- 4 candidates were interviewed for parish leadership. The interview process includes the cost of psychological testing.