

Suggested Schedule Options

◆ Weekend Format

Friday:

Arrival and Hospitality 7:00pm

Training 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday:

Arrival and Hospitality 8:30am

Training 9:00am - 4:30pm

Sunday:

Arrival & Hospitality 12:30pm

Training 1:00pm - 4:30pm

◆ Two-Day Format

Day 1:

Arrival and Hospitality 8:30am

Training 9:00am - 4:00pm

Day 2:

Arrival and Hospitality 8:30am

Training 9:00am - 4:30pm

◆ Varied Format

Other options can be considered based on local need.

Certificate of Completion

Ministry with Families participants receive a Certificate of Completion from the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers.



Program Benefits...

◆ **Competence:** Courses provide a solid foundation which draws on systems theory, theology, Scripture, and practical models for ministry.

◆ **Confidence:** Participants will become more confident in their ministerial role as they are provided with opportunities to integrate and apply innovative theory and approaches to ministry.

◆ **Credibility:** The curriculum is in accord with Church teachings on marriage and family life, and reflects current papal and USCCB documents.

The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers... strengthening the Church's commitment to families

NACFLM is an association that has three main purposes: to be a prophetic voice for family in church and society; to foster professional development; and to provide mutual support for those who minister with families. Established in 1980, NACFLM provides ministry formation training, sponsors an annual conference and provides opportunities for education, enrichment, resources, networking and advocacy.

Ministry with Families Courses

(available in English and Spanish)

◆ *Ministry with Families 101:*

*A Formation Program for All Those
Who Minister to Families*

Designed as an introductory course for participants new to ministry with a family perspective or those seeking review and renewal.

◆ *Ministry with Families 201:*

*Building the Partnership Between
the domestic & larger Church*

An advanced course that takes a deeper look at marriage and family through the life cycle and forming bridges between the Institutional and Domestic Church

◆ *Ministry with Families 301:*

A Continuing Education Process for clergy and religious communities, university students, lay movement leaders, etc., utilizing content of *Ministry with Families 101 & 201*.

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A SERIES OF COURSES THAT PROMOTE

- ◆ LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ◆
- ◆ FAMILY PERSPECTIVE IN MINISTRY ◆
- ◆ WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS ◆

Ministry with Families

Leadership Formation

Ministerio con Familias

Cursos de Formación

Presented by
The National Association
Of Catholic Family Life Ministers
(NACFLM)

Designed for:

- ◆ Clergy or Lay Ministers
- ◆ Pastoral Associates or Coordinators
- ◆ Family Ministers and Advocates
- ◆ Catechists, Religious Educators
- ◆ RCIA or Adult Formation Team Members
- ◆ Campus Ministers and Chaplains
- ◆ Youth Ministers
- ◆ Staff, Volunteers or Prospective Ministers



MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Ministry with Families is a series of courses for those in any phase of ministry in church and school settings. Available in both English and Spanish, it equips clergy and religious, parish staff, lay leaders, teachers and volunteers with theological vision - as well as practical tools and techniques –for comprehensive and creative ministry with families.

New Perspectives

The *Ministry with Families* series of courses is designed to promote a “*family perspective*” and a systems approach to ministry. The course also encourages the development of a “*multi-cultural perspective*” – an awareness of the diversity present in family life today, which in turn calls for different kinds of strategies for ministry.

Whole Community Catechesis

Finally, *Ministry with Families* courses emphasize faith formation as an ongoing and lifelong process that is supported by inter-generational learning within the family itself.

Ministry with Families 101

This leadership formation course is designed to be an introduction to ministry from a family perspective. It addresses the needs of those who are new to this topic or of those who are seeking a review and renewal of their knowledge.

It is an experiential learning process that assists the individual minister to integrate his/her learning at a personal as well as a ministerial level. Incorporating a family perspective in ministry is a central theme throughout the process. Participants gain knowledge and insights about the domestic church and increase their capacity for ministry with and among families.

Formation Process Topics

- ◆ Christian Vision of Family Life
- ◆ A Family Perspective in Ministry
- ◆ Family Spirituality
- ◆ Family Systems
- ◆ The Change Process and Reactivity
- ◆ Parish As a System
- ◆ Partnership with Families Across the Life Cycle
- ◆ Partnership between the Family and the Parish or Congregation

Ministry with Families 201

This formation process is designed for those who have completed the course, *Ministry with Families 101*, and for others who have already had extensive experience in bringing a family perspective to their ministry.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of marriage and family throughout the life cycle, with a concentration on the theological, Scriptural, spiritual and ministerial dimensions of this topic. The process will provide a forum for developing new insights into how to form “bridges” between the family and the larger Church.

Formation Process Topics

- ◆ Theology of Marriage and Family
- ◆ Foundational Church Documents
- ◆ Life Cycle Spiritual/Religious Tasks
- ◆ Understanding Church through Diversity
- ◆ Conversion: Moving Towards Grace
- ◆ The Ministering Person
- ◆ Making Connections Between the Domestic and Larger Church
- ◆ Our Call to Partnership

Ministry with Families 301

Each *Ministry with Families 301* course is individually designed for a specific group (clergy, religious, university students, lay movement leaders, etc.) as part of their continuing education. It is based on the content of *Ministry with Families 101* and *Ministry with Families 201*, and the content that addresses the particular needs of the participants. A *Ministry with Families 301* course may vary in length to conform to the group’s time frame.

Local Site Expenses

Costs for each course include a license to print course materials, as well as stipends and travel expenses for the team of two NACFLM instructors. Depending on the site and timing, there will be additional expenses for printing, refreshments and/or meals (and overnight accommodations) for instructors and/or participants.

These costs can be included in the registration fee or partially absorbed by the diocese, parish, or organization.

More Information

For additional details concerning the scheduling of a *Ministry with Families* formation program in your area, or current upcoming dates/sites, please contact:

NACFLM Office, phone 937-431-5443 or email NACFLM@dayton.edu

