

Christifideles

Ongoing formation
for lay ministers



Transform the way you serve with a Certificate in Hispanic Ministry

Christifideles Certificate in Hispanic Ministry

This 12-month certificate program equips participants with the practical skills and abilities necessary for effective ministry in a Hispanic context within the Archdiocese of Seattle. Drawing from key insights emerging from the rich Hispanic/Latino Ministry experience in the U.S., the curriculum includes formation in human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral skills as well as a pastoral practicum component.

This certificate is for:

Current and future parish staff, both paid and volunteer, as well as those who feel called to ministry to serve their parish families and surrounding communities. Participants will form a community and attend classes as a cohort within the Christifideles program, which allows them to benefit from retreats, formation days and other activities that are part of this program.

Application timeline:

Opens: August 15, 2026

Application deadline: November 1, 2026

Decisions announced: December 7, 2026

Program begins: January 9, 2027

Schedule and fees:

All classes are in Spanish, in-person, and are held Saturdays from 9–5pm at the Chancery (Cathedral Place, 803 Terry Ave, 4th floor, Seattle).

- January 9, 2027
- February 13, 2027
- March 6, 2027
- April 3, 2027
- May 1, 2027
- June 5, 2027
- July 10, 2027
- August 14, 2027
- September 18, 2027
- November 6, 2027

Christifideles program opportunities (in English):

- March 13, 2027: Intercultural Training Day
- April 21, 2027: Co-Workers in the Vineyard Convocation
- October 9, 2027: Fall Formation Day
- January 29, 2028: Graduation Mass with Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

Total program fees: \$500

- 1st tuition payment (\$250):
January 6, 2027
- 2nd tuition payment (\$250):
March 15, 2027



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Course Descriptions

AREA I: Pastoral Formation

Focused on the foundations of Hispanic/Latino Ministry in the United States, this area integrates key pastoral documents, missionary discipleship and a culture of encounter. Through reflection on lived realities, intercultural awareness and synodal practice, participants develop skills for pastoral planning and compassionate care, preparing them to serve the local Church ethically, responsibly, inclusively and with a renewed missionary spirit.

AREA II: Human Formation

Centered on the personal and relational growth of the minister, this area strengthens the ability to accompany Hispanic/Latino Catholics through authentic, Christ-centered relationships. Participants build practical skills in listening and communication, while exploring the different stages of human development. Emphasis is also placed on servant leadership, intersectionality and intergenerational dimensions in ministry, teamwork, conflict resolution and administrative competencies for effective and professional ministry.

AREA III: Intellectual Formation

Through a deeper exploration of the Church's teachings, participants are invited to strengthen the theological foundations of their ministry. This area introduces Christology, Anthropology, Mariology, Ecclesiology and Canon Law. It equips ministers to confidently articulate the faith, integrate doctrine into pastoral practice and promote the integration of Hispanic/Latino Catholics into the mission of the Church.

AREA IV: Spiritual Formation

Rooted in a personal encounter with Christ, this area fosters the spiritual life of the minister as the heart of all pastoral service. Participants deepen their prayer life and appreciation for Hispanic/Latino spirituality, learn methods of discernment and engage Sacred Scripture as a source of personal and pastoral renewal. Grounded in the Church's social teaching and sacramental life, ministers will be equipped to lead, promoting the integration of Hispanic/Latino Catholics into the life of the Church.

**For questions about the Certificate in Hispanic Ministry,
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Apply by November 1, 2026, [here](#).



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