



LAY MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAMS

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BULLETIN ITEMS

For Immediate Publication

Please pray for _____ as s/he enters the final months of “*Called & Gifted*,” the two-year archdiocesan lay ministry formation program. Our parish is sponsoring _____ in this program for adults who desire to respond to their baptismal call to carry on the mission of Jesus by helping meet the ministerial needs of the parish in collaboration with the parish staff. The program this year includes New Testament, Sacraments, and Christology, Peace and Justice, as well as formation days focusing on the spirituality of the church. _____ has been active in our parish in/as/by _____

For Publication in April

The occasion of _____’s graduation from “*Called & Gifted*,” the archdiocesan lay ministry formation program, reminds us of the call everyone receives in the sacraments of initiation to help further the Kingdom of God. In Baptism, we are joined with Christ and one another in the Mystical Body. In Confirmation, the gift of the Spirit empowers us to participate fully in the Church’s mission. In the Eucharist, charity, which is the soul of the apostolate, is communicated and nourished. We are all challenged to work for the transformation of society so that our world will reflect the plan of God for all human beings to live in harmony and justice with one another.

For Publication 1st or 2nd Sunday in May

You are invited to celebrate with _____ her/his completion of “*Called & Gifted*,” the two-year archdiocesan lay ministry formation program at _____ (Name of Church hosting Mass of Thanksgiving), _____ (location of the Church), Sunday May ____ at 3:00 p.m.. We extend our thanks to _____ for her/his willingness to seek this training to enrich and strengthen her/his ministry in our parish. This training has included study of Scripture, Church History, Sacraments, Peace and Justice, Communication Skills for Ministry, Introduction to Catechism and Catholic Doctrine, Christology, as well as formation days focusing on spirituality. _____ will be serving/continue to serve our parish by/in/as _____

For Publication Last Sunday of May or First Sunday in June

Our heartfelt thanks go to _____ upon completion of “*Called & Gifted*,” the two-year archdiocesan lay ministry formation program. We appreciate her/his willingness to spend this time to enrich and strengthen her/his ministry in our parish. _____ will be serving /continue to serve our parish by/in/as _____ (You may want to include a picture and short biography of the graduate(s).)

