



DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Wives Certificate Path

THE DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR THE GROWTH, enrichment and information needed by wives to make their decision regarding the support of her husband's participation. "The aspirant path also must enable formation personnel to create an environment in which the wife of a married aspirant can give her consent to his continuation, and more essentially, to ascertain her compatibility with her husband's diaconal vocation and eventual ministry," as stated in paragraph 186 of *The National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Certificate of Studies

- Wives selecting the certificate path in lay ministry must enroll in the *Called & Gifted* program. Application, tuition and fees, and other information are described in the *Called & Gifted* brochure. Upon completion of the *Called & Gifted* program, wives are awarded a Certificate of Studies in lay ministry.
- Wives who do not choose to enroll in *Called & Gifted* but desire continuing education units (CEU) may enroll in selected COLLAB courses through the Ongoing Formation Program (847.837.4558).

To achieve the certificate of studies, attendance is required at all *Called & Gifted* academic classes / formation sessions, as is completion of all papers / projects for that program – *in addition to attending the DFP's designated Key Events*.

Wives who earn the certificate of studies may be credited with up to six graduate credit hours at selected area Catholic universities.

