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A NATIONAL, BILINGUAL INSTITUTE SERVING THE
NEEDS OF ALL DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAMS

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Identity, Mission and History

The Josephinum Diaconate Institute of the Pontifical College Josephinum offers educational programs through distance learning – in both English and Spanish – to diaconal aspirants and candidates, permanent deacons and their spouses, and lay ministers serving or preparing to serve the people of God through ministry in the Church. Its mission is to strengthen pre- and post-ordination diaconate formation on a national and worldwide basis.

The Institute was inaugurated by the Pontifical College Josephinum – a Roman Catholic seminary in Columbus, Ohio – in 2007, in further fidelity to its own mission of providing formation and education for men aspiring to the priesthood. Founded in 1888, the Josephinum was granted pontifical status in 1892 by Pope Leo XIII and is the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy. The Apostolic Nuncio to the United States serves as its Chancellor and the institution is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Josephinum serves (arch)dioceses in the United States as well as select (arch)dioceses overseas.

Customized Degree and Certificate Programs

The Institute's unique Inquiry/Aspirancy/Propaedeutic Program is designed to prepare aspirants for entry into a Candidacy Program. The Candidacy Program offers a wide range of course offerings in each of the theological disciplines. The Institute customizes its degree and certificate programs to meet the specific needs of each (arch)diocese.

Fully Accredited and in Compliance with the Guidelines of USCCB's *National Directory*

The Institute's state-of-the-art distance learning program is fully accredited by The Association of Theological Schools. Courses fulfill the continuing education and formation requirements of permanent deacons, in accord with the USCCB's *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and the Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*.

Theological and Practical Courses Taught by Qualified Faculty

Courses are taught in fall, spring, and summer 12-week trimesters by highly qualified permanent deacons, priests and laity with academic credentials (licentiates/doctorates) and years of pastoral experience. Designed to accentuate both the theoretical and practical dimensions of theology, courses are hybrid in nature and may include reading assignments, brief reflection papers, and online forums utilizing state-of-the-art technology.

Bilingual and Financially Accessible

Degree and certificate programs offered by the Institute are available in both English and Spanish to students from all walks of life and academic backgrounds. The Institute strives to serve (arch)dioceses with limited personnel and financial resources by offering modest tuition rates and fees.

THE JOSEPHINUM DIACONATE INSTITUTE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

General Qualification Programs for Aspirants and Candidates to the Permanent Diaconate

General Qualification Programs are designed by Institute officials and diocesan officials. Individuals who complete this program successfully are awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Professional Certificate in Pastoral Studies

The Professional Certificate in Pastoral Studies Program is customized to meet the specific needs of each (arch) diocese. Its unique Inquiry/Aspirancy/Propaedeutic Program offers an introduction to the permanent diaconate and a comprehensive overview of the Catholic faith. The Candidacy Program offers an extensive array of course offerings for up to four years of formation.

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Applicants for the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program possess an undergraduate degree and are expected to fulfill all requirements for the awarding of a master's level degree: 36 academic credits; participation in annual pro-seminars; fulfillment of a pre-approved faculty-directed thesis or thesis project.

Lifelong Ongoing Professional Formation

The Institute's courses are designed to fulfill the continuing education and formation credits required of permanent deacons, in accord with the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and the Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*. Deacons and their spouses may enroll in any course offered by the Institute.

Program for New Pastors and Pastoral Administrators

Created at the request of partner (arch)dioceses, the Institute provides a state-of-the-art online program for newly appointed pastors and pastoral administrators. This unique program offers lectures and resources from experts in canon law, theology, finance, pastoral administration, school administration, and pastoral leadership.



The Institute's Degree and Certificate Programs Sample of Online Course Offerings

*Elective Core Offerings Available Upon Request
All Programs Are Customizable*

INQUIRY / ASPIRANCY / PROPAEDEUTIC STAGE

Year/Trimester

- A/A Introduction to Catholicism (2 Credits)
- A/B The Call, Mission and Spirituality of the Permanent Deacon (2)
- A/B Divine Revelation: Dei Verbum and the Word of God (2)
- A/C Philosophy for Understanding Theology (2)
- A/C Pastoral Ministry to the Hispanic/Latino Community (1)
- A/C Supervised Pastoral Ministry (1 or 2) (Elective)

CANDIDACY STAGE

All Course Offerings are 2 Credit Hours

Year / Trimester

SCRIPTURE

- A/B Divine Revelation: Dei Verbum and the Word of God
- 1/A The Pentateuch and Historical Books: An Introduction to the Old Testament
- 1/C The Prophets
- 2/A The Synoptics and the Acts of the Apostles: An Introduction to the New Testament
- 2/C Johannine Literature: The Gospel, Letters, and the Book of Revelation
- 3/A Pauline Literature and the Letter to the Hebrews
- 4/A Wisdom Literature and the Psalms

PHILOSOPHY / DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

- A/A Introduction to Catholicism
- A/C Philosophy for Understanding Theology
- 1/B Fundamental Theology
- 2/A The Church: A Study in Ecclesiology
- 2/B Christology
- 2/C Sacramental Theology
- 3/A Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue



"I invite all dioceses to utilize the Josephinum Diaconate Institute's programs, especially those looking for quality formation programming to form tomorrow's permanent deacons."

The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the
United States & Chancellor of the
Pontifical College Josephinum

MORAL THEOLOGY

- 1/C Foundations of Catholic Moral Theology
- 3/B The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church
- 4/B Catholic Medical Morality and Ministry

PASTORAL THEOLOGY

- A/B The Call, Mission and Spirituality of the Permanent Deacon
- A/C Pastoral Ministry to the Hispanic / Latino Community (1)
- 1/A Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling
- 1/C Supervised Pastoral Ministry (Years 1, 2, 3)
- 3/C Canon Law
- 3/C The Spiritual Life: The Practice of Discernment in Prayer
- 4/B Introduction to Grief Counseling and Ministry
- 4/C Best Practices for Pastoral Administrators and Directors
- 4/C Elective: Holy Land Pilgrimage: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus and 'The Seven'

CHURCH HISTORY

- 1/B Church History
- 3/A Second Vatican Council: History, Vision, and Documents
- 4/A Patristics: An Introduction to the Church Fathers
- 4/C History of the Church in the United States

HOMILETICS

- 2/B Introduction to Homiletics and Exegesis
- 3/B Intermediate Homiletics: Preaching the Lectionary
- 4/C The Bible and Preaching (Español)