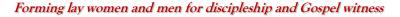


# INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION

## Diocese of Winona-Rochester





# WINTER-SPRING SEMESTER 2021

### Planning Overview...

- ▶ Given the current situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, online formation sessions will be offered for the winter-spring semester. (At this point, it is not planned for "Year III" of the Institute to begin until formation can resume on an "in person" basis.)
- ▶ These optional online sessions, delivered via Zoom, will serve as an interim way to provide formation and connection for the current class until it's possible to resume our being physically together again.
- ▶ Here are some details of what the winter-spring semester will look like:
  - Four Saturday sessions will be held from mid January through late March (for members of our current class only). They will be held on: January 16th, February 6th, March 6th, and March 27th. A tentative concluding session may also be held on Saturday, April 17th.
    - (In addition, online sessions open both to current students and alumni will be offered during the Lenten season. More information on these sessions will be forthcoming.)
  - ➤ Each session will be planned for 2¼ hours, from 9:00-11:15 am. The format will follow that of our fall online sessions. We will begin with a short opening prayer, and then spend our first hour with a catechetical/theological focus. We will take a brief "stand-up" break, and then move into our second hour with a discipleship focus. We will close each session with a short prayer.
  - > The sessions will incorporate **PowerPoint presentations and video** (via the "Share Screen" feature of Zoom), and will break participants into **small groups for discussion**. And, we will provide time for conversation and Q&A in the large group as well.
  - ➤ Participation in these online sessions will be optional and flexible. A student may participate in any, or all, of the sessions. And, they may participate in one or both parts for any of the sessions. *These online sessions are not a required part of a student's formation through the Institute*. It is additional formation available to students due to the circumstances brought about by COVID-19.
  - The sessions will be provided at no charge.

#### Session Content...

► For the catechetical/theological focus during the first part of each session... (led by Deacon Chris Walchuk)

The class will spend the fall sessions working through Chapter VI ("The Sixth Age of the Church (1789-Present): The Modern Age") of our church history text – i.e., <u>The Catholic Church through the Ages</u>, by (Fr.) John Vidmar, OP. There will also be additional assigned readings, which are available online.

► For the discipleship focus during the second part of each session... (led by Todd)

The class will view, reflect on, and discuss the remaining four video segments from the series, "The Wild Goose".

### Session by Session Overview...

#### Winter-Spring Session I (January 16, 2021)

- ► PART ONE
  - The Catholic Church through the Ages: A History (Chapter 6, pp. 287-313)
- ► PART Two
  - ➤ The Wild Goose (Segment 11 ~ "The Spirit Convicts")

#### Winter-Spring Session II (February 6, 2021)

- ► PART ONE
  - The Catholic Church through the Ages: A History (Chapter 6, pp. 314-328)
  - Pope Leo XIII, Rerum Novarum (Paragraphs 1-25, 34-36, 43-45, & 60) [Click here.]
- ► PART Two
  - ➤ The Wild Goose (Segment 12 ~ "The Spirit's Freedom")

#### Winter-Spring Session III (March 6, 2021)

- ► PART ONE
  - ➤ "An Introduction to the Life and Spirituality of Dorothy Day," by James Allaire and Rosemary Broughton" [Click here.]
  - ➤ "Peter Maurin: Co-Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement," by Jim Forest [Click here.]
- ► PART TWO
  - ➤ The Wild Goose (Segment 13 ~ "The Spirit Gives Witness")

#### Winter-Spring Session IV (March 27, 2021)

- ► PART ONE
  - The Catholic Church through the Ages: A History (Chapter 6, pp. 328-358)
- ► PART TWO
  - ➤ The Wild Goose (Segment 14 ~ "The Spirit Remembers")

#### [Winter-Spring Session V (April 17, 2021) {Tentative}]

## **Keeping Connected...**

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