



SPRING 2018



Dear Friend in Christ,

Greetings of Peace!

I invite you to consider applying to our diocesan **INSTITUTE OF LAY FORMATION**. The Institute is ... *a program and process of prayer, study, and reflection on the Catholic Faith, on the life of discipleship and witness in the world, and on service and ministry within the Church.*

The Institute was founded in our Diocese in 1998 to call lay women and men to a deeper living out of their Christian vocation. The best testament to its value is the witness and the ministry of our students and alumni. The community of faith they build among themselves and the service they offer to God's People are the very life of this unique, faith-filled experience. One of these alumni described her participation in the Institute as **"the most rewarding, faith-building, Spirit-filled experience of my life."**

The Institute is now accepting applications to its next class, to begin this fall. Information and application materials are enclosed for your review, including:

- **Program Overview** (including information on the areas of formation, year by year program, entrance guidelines, tuition, etc.)
- **Calendar** for the 2018-19 year
- **Application Form.**

To apply, you will need to complete the application form and have it signed by your pastor (to indicate your parish's support of your application). Application information and materials [including a "fillable form" of the application] are also available on our diocesan web page (www.dow.org). **The application deadline is Friday, June 29th.**

Information sessions on the Institute will be held across the Diocese in mid April. The details concerning these sessions are provided on the back of this page. It is not necessary to attend one of these sessions, but it may be helpful in answering any questions you may have about the Institute and the application process.

If you do have any questions about the Institute at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. I wish you God's grace and guidance as you consider your participation.

May God bless and be with you!

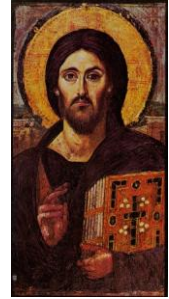
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INFORMATION SESSIONS...

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- ❖ **Tuesday, April 10th • 7:00-8:00 pm**
St. Adrian Parish, Adrian (512 Main Avenue) [Church Hall]
- ❖ **Thursday, April 12th • 5:00-6:00 pm / 7:00-8:00 pm** {Choose either time.}
Resurrection Parish, Rochester (1600 - 11th Avenue SE) [Room C]
- ❖ **Saturday, April 14th • 9:00-10:00 am**
St. Theodore Parish, Albert Lea (308 East Fountain Street) [Marian Hall]
- ❖ **Monday, April 16th • 7:00-8:00 pm**
St. John the Baptist Parish, Mankato (632 South Broad Street) [Marian Room]



For more information...

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