

CORE CURRICULUM & DIACONATE FORMATION MODEL

TO BE CUSTOMIZED BY INSTITUTE AND (ARCH)DIOCESAN OFFICIALS

SPIRITUAL / HUMAN FORMATION	YEAR	INTELLECTUAL FORMATION & SUPPORT FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION			PASTORAL FORMATION
		TRIMESTER A (12 weeks)	TRIMESTER B (12 weeks)	TRIMESTER C (12 weeks)	
Diocesan Inquiry Aspirancy Spiritual Direction	Inquiry/ Aspirancy/ Propaedeutic Year	Orientation Program: The Josephinum Diaconate Institute Introduction to Catholicism (2)	The Call, Mission and Spirituality of the Permanent Deacon (2) ELECTIVE: Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures (2)	Philosophy for Understanding Theology (2) ELECTIVE: Pastoral Ministry to the Hispanic / Latino Community (2) (English and Spanish)	Coordinated with pastor and/or ministry leader
Spiritual Direction Diocesan Post- Aspirancy Acceptance	Aspirancy Year 2	The Pentateuch and Historical Books: An Introduction to the Old Testament (2) Introduction to Pastoral Theology (2)	Fundamental Theology (2) Church History (2)	Foundations of Catholic Moral Theology (2) The Prophets (2) Elective: Supervised Pastoral Ministry (SPE) I (1)	Coordinated with pastor and/or ministry leader
Dio Candidacy Accept Retreat & Evaluation A Spiritual Direction Mentoring	Candidacy Year 1	The Church: A Study in Ecclesiology (2) The Synoptic Gospels and Acts: An Introduction to the New Testament (2)	Christology (2) Introduction to Homiletics and Exegesis (2) (Director and Local Instructors)	Sacramental Theology (2) Johannine Literature: The Gospel, Letters and Book of Revelation (2) Elective: Supervised PE II (1)	Practicum or field education experience I
Spiritual Retreat & Evaluation B Spiritual Direction Mentoring	Candidacy Year 2	Pauline Literature and the Letter to the Hebrews (2) The Second Vatican Council: History, Vision, Documents (2) OR Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue (2)	The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church (2) Intermediate Homiletics: Preaching the Lectionary (2) (Director & Local Instructors)	Canon Law (2) The Spiritual Life: The Practice of Discernment in Prayer (2) Elective: Supervised PE III (1)	Practicum or field education experience II
Spiritual Retreat & Evaluation C Spiritual Direction Mentoring	Candidacy Year 3	Patristics: An Introduction to the Church Fathers (2) Wisdom Literature and the Psalms (2)	Catholic Medical Morality and Ministry (2) Introduction to Grief Counseling and Ministry (2) OR: The Bible and Preaching (2)	Best Practices for Pastoral Administrators and Directors (2) The History of the Church in the United States (2) Pilgrimage / Directed Study: On Holy Ground: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus and 'The Seven.' (2)	Practicum or field education experience III