MASTER OF SCIENCE
IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT
Fr. Theodore Hesburgh once said, “Catholic colleges and universities are where the Church does its thinking.” Had he been asked, Fr. Hesburgh might have extended that statement to say, “Business schools in Catholic colleges and universities are where the church does its thinking about church business issues.”

The Center for Church Management and Business Ethics at the Villanova School of Business (VSB) is uniquely positioned to provide the very best in faith-based managerial education—enabling church leaders to apply sound business approaches to temporal issues and decision making.

The Master of Science in Church Management degree is designed to meet the needs of a national student body of church leaders and managers, including parish business managers; managers of diocesan and religious order departments; and those engaged in managing church-related social service ministries.

I am often asked why this program is unique. At VSB we have crafted a faith-focused business curriculum that is convenient, is delivered online, provides valuable peer networking opportunities and will successfully impact your ministry. I encourage you to explore our program and to contact me directly with any questions.

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WHEN DO CLASSES MEET?

The program begins with online classes in mid-May, followed by a one-week residency on the Villanova University campus during the first week of June. After the one-week residency, the remaining MSCM courses are provided online, enabling you to attend all classes without leaving your home or office.

MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

Join the Center for the Study of Church Management at VSB for an educational experience that will transform the way you lead and serve the church in an increasingly complex world.

The Master of Science in Church Management (MSCM) is an innovative, two-year graduate business program that provides you with a high-level skill set in church management. If you are interested in strengthening your ability to contribute to the church’s mission—and you require the convenience of an online program—then the MSCM is the degree for you.

WHO SHOULD APPLY TO THE MSCM PROGRAM?

The MSCM is designed to meet the needs of a national student body of church leaders and managers of all faiths—including parish business managers, managers of diocesan and religious order departments and those engaged in managing church-related social service ministries. It is ideal for professionals who cannot take leave of their positions to relocate and pursue full-time study.

The MSCM can be completed online in only two years of part-time study.

Admission to the program is based on experience, letters of recommendation and a personal essay. Standardized test scores and interviews are not required. The MSCM cohort begins online classes during late May. The residency usually occurs during the first week of June. Early application is highly recommended.

All students need a 3.0 GPA in MSCM courses in order to graduate.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The MSCM program is built upon two foundational elements—a solid business curriculum and a faith-based approach to church management. This is a practical degree. Material that you cover in one week can be applied to your ministry the next week.

Each student is exposed to the study of management and its applications within the context of church leadership. And unlike a number of other programs—in which church management is just an add-on specialization within a standard MBA degree—the MSCM curriculum is holistic and fully integrated. Each course is meticulously designed for church managers and addresses management issues from a faith-based perspective.

MSCM courses cover topics including leadership in religious organizations, civil and church laws, financial oversight and human resource management in a ministry setting.

In less than two years, you will build a network of peers across the nation and gain the following cutting-edge managerial competencies:

• Planning: strategy formation and implementation, technology/data and the legal environment
• Controlling: financial literacy, budgeting, transparency and financial statements
• Organizing: human resources, organizational structure and behavior and advisory board utilization
• Leading: group dynamics, ecclesiological perspectives and alignment between the faith community work and values
WHY VILLANOVA?
VSB has been at the forefront of business education since it was founded in 1922 by the Roman Catholic Order of Saint Augustine. Today, VSB is ranked the #15 undergraduate business school in the nation by Bloomberg Businessweek. VSB is home to the internationally recognized Center for Church Management and Business Ethics, led by Director and Economics Professor Charles Zech. The first of its kind in the nation, the center is dedicated to serving the church through education and research. Dr. Zech is well-known for his expertise in Catholic Church management and finances.

WHAT CLASSES WILL I BE TAKING?
The 30-credit MSCM curriculum is designed to be completed in just 24 months, and includes the following:

- MSCM 8510: Introduction: Leadership in Religious Organizations/Organizational Ethics/ Catholic Social Thought (6 credits)
- MSCM 8520: Civil Law and Church Law for Church Administrators (3 credits)
- MSCM 8530: Introduction to Effective Church Communications and Outreach (3 credits)
- MSCM 8610: Stewardship and Development (3 credits)
- MSCM 8615: Financial Reporting and Controls (3 credits)
- MSCM 8620: Human Resource Management in a Ministry Setting (3 credits)
- MSCM 8625: Organizational Management (3 credits)
- MSCM 8630: Information Technology (3 credits)
- MSCM 8635: Church Teaching and Belief (3 credits)
- MSCM 8650: Pastoral Strategic Planning (3 credits)
- MSCM 8660: Contemporary Topics (3 credits)

HOW MUCH DOES THE MSCM COST?
2014-15 tuition for the MSCM Program is $27,000 (30 credits at $900 per credit). However, those students who work for church will receive a 25% tuition discount, allowing their tuition to be $20,250.

CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY!
- Application instructions and forms are on the Master of Science in Church Management website: MSCM.villanova.edu, or e-mail us at CSCM@villanova.edu.
- Program admission is based on experience, letters of recommendation and a personal essay.
- Standardized tests such as the GRE and GMAT are not required. TOEFL may be required for some students.
- The fully-online degree program is 30 credits and can be completed in two years of part-time study.
- Coursework for the program is designed to support networking with peers across the nation.
- Students whose dioceses or religious orders contribute at least one-third of their tuition will receive a 25% tuition discount. Financial aid is also available through the Villanova University Office of Financial Assistance.

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