

CERTIFICATE IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT FOR MEN IN FORMATION



“ This program helped prepare me to be a good steward of the human and financial resources God provides to fulfill the mission of the church. ”

JOHN CHIDIEBUBE OKPARA

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are all called to be responsible stewards of the human, financial, and organizational resources entrusted to our care, yet many priests were never taught the sound management techniques necessary to fulfill that responsibility.

Reflecting on the governance office of priesthood, two of the more common statements from newly ordained priests are:

“I didn’t answer the call to priesthood to spend my days in meetings and administrative work.”

“Why didn’t they teach us this stuff in the seminary?”

The call to priesthood should not be consumed with administrative meetings and church management issues. If the governance office of a priest is properly exercised, the administrative duties should not be an overwhelming burden, but can be one more way a priest can transmit the good news of Jesus Christ.

This one-week Certificate in Church Management program is designed specifically to fill that need for Catholic men in priestly formation. The course will cover fundamentals of church management that deal with money and people. Through applied research, real-life case studies, group projects, and active class discussions, participants will be better equipped to deal with some of the most common church management challenges.

SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM

This non-credit certificate program includes subjects such as:

Pastoral and Strategic Church Management

Budgeting for Mission

Church Missional and Financial Reporting

Human Resources and Catholic Social Thought

Building Trust and Leading Change

The Ministry of Clergy Fundraising



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE CERTIFICATE IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT?

This program is intended for Catholic seminarians and men in formation. Registration is open to men who have finished at least two years of theology studies through those ordained for 5 years.

WHERE IS THE PROGRAM?

This Certificate is a one-week immersive experience at the Villanova School of Business located outside of Philadelphia, PA. Participants will be housed at Villanova University for the entire week.

WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL?

Participants will attend morning and afternoon seminar classes at Bartley Hall and will stay in campus dorms for the week. They will celebrate Mass, pray the Liturgy of the Hours, and share meals together.

WHEN IS THE PROGRAM?

July 21-25, 2025. The program begins with Mass at 12:05 on Monday, July 21, and concludes with Mass at 12:05pm on Friday, July 25, 2025.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Registration opens on January 5, the Feast of Saint John Neumann, and closes on June 24, the Feast of Saint John the Baptist. For more information, contact Chesley Turner at ccm@villanova.edu.

50 FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR JULY 2025

This program is funded by the benefactors of the Villanova Center for Church Management and by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment's National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders. Funding covers participant tuition, materials, travel, and room and board. To submit the one-page scholarship application, registrants should [apply here](#).



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