



## CERTIFICATE IN **CHURCH MANAGEMENT** FOR MEN IN FORMATION

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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 pastors are never taught the management techniques necessary to fulfill that responsibility.

**Reflecting on the governance office of the priesthood, two 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 and practice of the 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 will not be an overwhelming burden but can be one more way a priest transmits the good news of Jesus Christ.

This one-week Certificate in Church Management program is designed specifically to serve this unique need for 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 handle some of the most common church management challenges.

### SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM

This non-credit certificate program includes subjects such as:

**Pastoral and Strategic Church Management**

**Human Resources and Catholic Social Thought**

**Budgeting for Mission**

**Building Trust and Leading Change**

**Church Missional and Financial Reporting**

**The Ministry of Clergy Fundraising**

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

**REV. JOHN CHIDIEBUBE OKPARA**



## 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 or less.

### WHERE IS THE PROGRAM?

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

### WHAT DOES IT ENTAIL?

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

### WHEN IS THE PROGRAM?

July 13 - July 17, 2026. The program begins with Mass at 12:05 pm on Monday, July 13, and concludes with Mass at 12:05 pm on Friday, July 17, 2026.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

**APPLY NOW.** Registration opens on January 5, the Feast of Saint John Neumann. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Matt Davis at [m.davis@villanova.edu](mailto:m.davis@villanova.edu).

## FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR JULY 2026

This program is funded by the benefactors of the Villanova Center for Church Management. Funding covers participant tuition, materials, travel, and room and board. To submit the one-page scholarship application, registrants should **apply here**.

# APPLY TODAY!

Call **(610) 519.8031** or email **[M.DAVIS@VILLANOVA.EDU](mailto:M.DAVIS@VILLANOVA.EDU)** or visit **[VILLANOVA.EDU/CCM](https://VILLANOVA.EDU/CCM)** and click "non-degree programs to learn more.



### THE CENTER FOR CHURCH MANAGEMENT

The Center for Church Management at the Villanova School of Business provides education and scholarship in the Augustinian Catholic tradition on strategic, management and financial matters in service to leaders of churches and other Christian faith-based ministries.