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 online graduate business program that provides a high-level skill set in church management. Built upon two foundational elements – a solid business curriculum and a faith-based approach to church management – each course is meticulously designed for current and future Christian church leaders.

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The MSCM is a one-of-a-kind degree. I am so proud of the difference our graduates make in their faith communities.

JOYCE E. A. RUSSELL, PHD
The Helen and William O’Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business

MSCM CURRICULUM
The 30-credit MSCM curriculum is designed to be completed part-time in just 24 months, and includes:

MSCM 8510: Leadership, Ethics, and Catholic Social Thought
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MSCM 8650: Pastoral Strategic Planning

YOU’LL MASTER 4 CORE COMPETENCIES
In less than two years, build a network of peers and gain the following cutting-edge competencies:

LEADING
- Mission-Driven Churches
- Individuals and Groups
- Organizational Culture

ORGANIZING
- Human Resources
- Structures and Relationships
- Advisory Councils and Boards

PLANNING
- Pastoral Priorities and Strategies
- Technology and Data
- Canon and Civil Law Compliance

STEWARDING
- Budgets and Financials
- Transparent Information
- Facilities and Risk
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO SHOULD APPLY TO THE MSCM PROGRAM?
The MSCM is designed to meet the needs of an international student body of church leaders and managers of all Christian faiths—including pastors and pastoral associates, parish business managers, directors of diocesan departments, leaders of religious order and those engaged in managing social service ministries. It is ideal for professionals who work full-time and cannot leave their ministry to come to a campus and pursue full-time study.

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.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO APPLY?
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. All students need a 3.0 GPA in MSCM courses in order to graduate.

WHY VILLANOVA?
The Villanova School of Business is home to the world’s first Center for Church Management. Founded in 2004, the Center for Church Management is a global resource for church management knowledge, dedicated to helping Christian faith-based organizations through education and research.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT

Tuition for the 30-credit Masters of Science in Church Management at $980/credit is $29,400.

VILLANOVA SCHOLARSHIP

Qualified ministers and employees of Christian churches automatically receive a $7,350 (25%) scholarship from the Villanova School of Business. Earn your Master’s in Church Management for just $22,050.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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