

St. John Bosco Conference
Diocesan Officials Track
Continuing Formation for Leadership



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The titles being offered at this summer's conference are as follows:

- Conflict Resolution in a Diocesan Setting
- Developing Fruitful Diocesan Programming
- Reaching Out to Black Youth and Young Adult Culture
- Personnel is Policy: Effective Recruitment, Onboarding, and Supervision of Parish and Diocesan Staff
- Challenges and Opportunities in Serving Black Catholic Families
- Lessons Learned in 20 Years of Diocesan Leadership: Tips and Strategies for Success
- Administration as Ministry
- Pastoral Accompaniment: The Necessary Steps to the New Evangelization

The track as a whole is being planned as a two-year experience those taking workshops.

Registration and Attendance

Conference participants who wish to register for this track may should do so at the Conference
Registration tables at check-in, or online prior to the Conference.

Track Structure

As with all of the tracks at the St. John Bosco Conference, some of the workshops are taught at the Conference, and some are available online as well. Eventually, as our filming and post-production schedule permits, all of this track's workshops will be available online at:
www.franciscanathome.com

*We look forward to meeting you at the Conference,
and to serving you!*



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Year One Certification (9 hrs + 3 electives)

Spiritual & Human Formation

1. Christ Before Me: The Christocentric Nature of Diocesan Administration
2. Having an Ecclesial Vision: Weaving Catholic Sensibility & Evangelization into Every Aspect of Service
3. Administration as Ministry & How to Balance the Relationship between Administration & Your Calling to Teach & Form Others

Core Relationships

4. Working for a Bishop in Support of His Priests
5. Working with Priests & Providing Strategic Assistance for Parish Ministry
6. Relational Administration & Accompaniment in Diocesan Ministry: Building Relationships with Diocesan, School & Parish Officials

Pastoral Planning

7. Discerning & Developing a Vision for an Evangelizing & Catechetical Diocesan Ministry
8. Fruitful Planning: Aligning Diocesan Structures for Mission Effectiveness
9. Planning & Execution: Determining Needs, Setting Goals, Implementing Solutions & Evaluating Results

Year Two Certification (9 hrs + 3 electives)

Spiritual & Human Formation

1. Balancing Life & Ministry as a Professional: Finding & Implementing a System that Works For You
2. Generational Traits of Leaders that Impact Relationships & Ministerial Understanding
3. Key Spiritual & Human Practices & Disciplines for the Diocesan Official: Humility, Prudence, Docility, Listening, Flexibility, Confidence

Relationship & Resolution: Team Formation

4. Personnel is Policy: Recruitment, Onboarding & Supervision of Staff
5. Conflict Management & Problem-Solving within a Diocesan Setting
6. Missionary Discipleship: Rethinking Catechetical Certification

Organizational Health

7. Introduction to Organizational Health: A Critical Component of Success
8. How to Avoid Bad Meetings: A Strategy for Healthy Leadership Teams
9. Effective Communications, Internal & External

Individuals taking this two-level certification are required to take a total of six electives from the lists below, but would be allowed to take as many as they wish at no additional cost. All the workshops listed on this page will be available to take as enrichment by individuals in any other course or track.

ELECTIVES: SPECIAL TOPICS FOR DIOCESAN OFFICIALS

1. The Marian Precedes the Petrine: The Role of the Bishop as Catechetical Leader
2. Building Blocks, Tools & Resources that Diocesan Officials Need to Provide to Parishes & Schools
3. Advice from Veterans: Lessons Learned
4. Hiring, Employee Evaluation, Employee Discipline, Delegation, Firing
5. Inter-Cultural Competence: Reaching Out to Various Ethnicities & Cultural Experiences
6. Canon Law for Diocesan Officials
7. Non-Profit Organization & Management for Diocesan Leaders
8. Funding, Development & Resource Collaboration
9. Sacramental Preparation Norms to Assist Parishes
10. Adult Formation Norms to Assist Parishes
11. Collaborating with Homeschooling Families & Issues of Sacramental Preparation
12. Discerning the Choice of Diocesan-Level Lay Ministry: How is it Different from Parish & School Ministry?
13. Colleagues or Competitors: Catholic Schools & Religious Education Offices in Chanceries
14. Key Leadership Resources & Consultative Aids
15. Self-Awareness & Self-Knowledge: Using Perceivers (Myers Briggs, M-Core, temperaments, spiritual inventories, charisms, etc.)

ELECTIVES: LEAD WORKSHOPS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRY TRACKS

1. The Vocation of the Catechist
2. The Mission of Catholic Schools & the Role of Teachers
4. The Catechumenal Process: A Modern Restoration of an Ancient Practice
5. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry

6. Personality & Profile of the Successful PCL
7. Introduction to Hispanic Ministry
8. The Universal Call to Holiness
9. The Chief Characteristics of Mentorship
10. The Most Important Life: Gospel Patterns of Jesus' Life
11. Basic Counseling Techniques
12. Foundational Relationships: The Father & the Son
13. Developing a Missionary Mindset

ELECTIVES: KEY WORKSHOPS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRY AREAS

1. The Catholic Family: Context of Catechesis – Parts I & II
2. The Educational Leader in a Catholic Setting
3. Facilitating Conversion in a Catholic School
4. Forming Souls through Small Groups
5. Shifting to Family-Centered Parishes
6. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
7. The Human Person: God's Masterpiece
8. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan
9. The Sacramental Economy
10. The Kerygma: Key Doctrines
11. The Kerygma: Catholic Distinctives
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13. Engaging Youth Culture
14. Evangelizing Catechesis: The 21st-Century Mandate
15. Developing Religious Education Policies & Procedures
16. Legal Issues for PCLs: Ecclesial & Civil
17. The Parish as Workplace: Essential Realities & Relationships
18. The Catholic Vision: Christifideles Laici
19. The Catholic Vision: The Community of the Family
20. Being Guided & Guiding Souls
21. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
22. Spiritual Accountability

23. Discipling Adults
24. Adult Catechetical Methodologies & Learning Styles
25. Getting Parents Involved as Primary Educators
26. Parental Fortitude & Sunday Spirituality
27. The Catechumenate: Paradigm for All Catechesis
28. Catechetics & Counseling
29. Empathic Listening
30. Asking Good Questions
31. Teaching Catechesis for Conversion
32. Essential Link Between Liturgy & Catechesis
33. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Mentoring Skills?
34. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Spiritual Accompaniment?
35. What is the Way Forward for a Diocese, Parish, School, or Family to Develop Counseling Approaches?
36. Baptism Preparation Ministry
37. First Penance & First Eucharist Preparation
38. Confirmation Preparation: Issues, Catechesis, & Liturgy
39. Marriage Preparation Ministry
40. Catechesis for Persons with Physical or Developmental Disabilities
41. Observing & Measuring Discipleship in Children
42. Child Faith & Moral Development – Parts I-III
43. Adolescent Faith & Moral Development
44. The Best of Effective Contemporary Teaching Strategies
45. The Elephant in the Classroom: Psychosocial Issues Affecting Learning
46. Training Parents to Form their Children in a Catholic Vision of Sexuality