

LITURGICAL FORMATION PROCESS

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024

Pastors can make a choice between the following:

Local Formation *hybrid*

Changes are made to length of formation, parishes are given link for their ministers to sign in, complete formation, and register for local session, scheduled in parishes and deaneries. People attend and are marked complete, mandate is sent.

Requires that pastors either give the dates for local formation ahead of time, host local formation, and mark ministers as complete.

Local Formation *completely local*

Pastors must submit how they will conduct formation and request permission from the Bishop to do so.

Those who wish to serve sign up in LEAD. All formation happens locally (which could include using LEAD videos in large groups).

Pastor or delegate logs in, marks people complete, and mandate is sent.

Institute Formation

Changes are made to length of formation, parishes are given link for their ministers to sign in, complete formation, mandate is sent.

This is essentially as it exists now, except that formation will be shortened as requested.

Other improvements:

- + The Institute can create personalized pathways depending on the pastor's choice, including videos of pastors welcoming and thanking ministry leaders.
- + All mandates move to five years.
- + Registration is made simpler, including each path beginning with qualification questions.
- + Ongoing formation can follow the same outlines (local, hybrid, or Institute).



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