

## Lay Ecclesial Ministers are called . . .

- To bring the Eucharist, pray with the sick, comfort families and those who mourn
- To operate hunger centers, advocate for the homeless, pray with the imprisoned
- To support the divorced and widowed
- To prepare couples for marriage, parents for infant baptism, adults for full initiation into the Church
- To facilitate faith formation of adults and youth and religious education of children

## They minister as . . .

- ◆ Pastoral Associates
- ◆ Catechetical Leaders
- ◆ Youth Ministers
- ◆ Social Outreach Coordinators
- ◆ Bereavement Ministers
- ◆ Spiritual and retreat directors
- ◆ Directors/staff of Diocesan Offices
- ◆ Music Ministers
- ◆ Campus Ministers
- ◆ Ministers of Adult Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation

## They respond . . .

The Diocese of Cleveland has over  
300 Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers

### They serve in:

- ☆ Parishes
- ☆ Diocesan offices
- ☆ Nursing homes, hospitals, hospice
- ☆ Schools
- ☆ Prisons and jails
- ☆ Institutions and programs of social outreach and advocacy
- ☆ College and high school campuses
- ☆ Retreat houses

## They are formed by . . .

- ⊗ Completing graduate or undergraduate study in theology, scripture, and pastoral skills
- ⊗ Participating in a minimum of 3 years of pastoral and spiritual formation
- ⊗ Demonstrating proficiency in ministry through mentoring and supervised field experiences
- ⊗ Receiving the blessing and recognition of the Bishop of Cleveland



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“The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. therefore, they are largely responsible for the future of the Church.”

-- Pope John Paul II  
Ecclesia in America



*“Lay ecclesial ministers serve publicly in the local church, so they need to accept this role with fidelity and loyalty and be able to fill it with integrity, fully versed in . . . Church teaching, supportive of it, able to defend it, and to present it with clarity.”*

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**Certification as a  
Lay Ecclesial Minister  
in the  
Diocese of Cleveland**

