

TRIBUNAL WORKSHOP 2018

Training program for procurators

This course is offered to priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers who:

- ✘ Wish to prepare and/or update for tribunal ministry;
- ✘ Wish to minister to the divorced and/or remarried;
- ✘ Already have experience in parish ministry and some basic concepts of Church, sacraments, spirituality, pastoral counseling, etc.

What is a procurator?

A procurator assists a petitioner who is attempting to resolve his or her marital status in the Church. Every petitioner must have a procurator. The procurator assists with submitting the case, advises the petitioner throughout the process, and liaises between the petitioner and tribunal if necessary.

Who may be a procurator?

Our program is open to certified lay ecclesial ministers, those in the certification process, and the ordained. A prior course in canon law is required.

Who is this course for?

This course is designed for deacons and lay ecclesial ministers who have not been trained as procurators, and who therefore need this course in order to serve as a procurator. It may also be suitable for priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers who would like to update training they previously received, especially those who have not received refresher training since the changes introduced by Pope Francis in fall 2015 with *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*.

Course content:

- ✘ Introduction to the canon law of marriage.
- ✘ Choosing the type of case to submit.
- ✘ How to best assist the petitioner, including tips on encouraging the most useful testimony.
- ✘ How cases are processed, including changes made by Pope Francis in 2015
- ✘ The tribunal's Tribunal Procedures handbook and letters sent to parties.

A course in Canon Law is a prerequisite for participation in this course. Certified lay ecclesial ministers, those working towards certification, and other laity must submit a letter of support from their pastor indicating how they will use this course in their ministry.

Where? Center for Pastoral Leadership *When? September 11, 13, 18, 20; 7-9pm.* Attendance at all four sessions is required. There is no fee for this course.

Please call Lynette Tait at (216) 696-6525 ext. 1129 or email ltait@dioceseofcleveland.org with questions.

To register, please email lcalvert@dioceseofcleveland.org; or call (216) 696-6525 ext. 4000 **by August 31, 2018** with the following information: name; parish and position; contact telephone number; where and when the registrant completed a course in canon law.