

The Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership

Is excited to announce the start of the

**Foundations Course
for Lay Persons in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida**

September 2022-May 2023

This September 2022 the Bishop's Institute will offer a Foundations Course to lay persons in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida to enable and equip them to answer their call to Christian ministry first received at our Baptism.

This nine-month course will be of benefit to those who are currently engaged in lay ministry and leadership in their church or mission and to those seeking to discern a call to new opportunities for ministry. It will also serve as an entry level or 'gateway' course for those deciding to train for Licensed Lay Ministry in a specific area, e.g., Licensed Worship Leader, Catechist, Lay Preacher, Lay Pastoral Minister, or Evangelist.

The course starting September 17, 2022, will meet once a month on the third Saturday of every month for nine months from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Saturday classes will be held in the Diocesan office at 325 N Market St, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Lunch will be provided.

The Foundations Course is designed to help lay persons build a solid formation in understanding and living more fully into the Christian worldview. This involves a study of five core areas of Christian theology:

The Old Covenant and the History of Israel; September 17 and October 15
The New Covenant and the Early Church; November 19 and December 10
Church History and Theology I (from the world of the New Testament to the Early Church on to the Middle Ages and the Renaissance); January 21
Church History and Theology II (from the Reformation to the contemporary Church) February 18 and March 18 and
The Life and Ministry of Jesus: (Part I: The Profile and Praxis of a Prophet and Part II: The Aims and Beliefs of Jesus) April 22 and May 20.

For more information concerning the course or to discuss it please contact Douglas Dupree, Rector of the Bishop's Institute: ddupree@diocesefl.org He has some limited scholarship funds available to assist with the cost of the course. Total cost may be made in payments.

A complete guide to the course including materials for the course (introductory videos to each session, handouts, etc.) are available by registering to: <https://the-bishops->

institute.thinkific.com/courses/foundations-course. The cost of the course is \$330.
Registration and payment for the course are online at the site just listed.