

Affordable Academic Excellence

Initial Project Group:

Since the first cohort is being treated as a Demonstration Project, Saint Leo University has agreed to a discounted rate of \$600 per student. It is anticipated that the cost will be split \$300 from the student and \$300 from the student's diocese.

Future Students:

On an ongoing basis, the full four-course certificate program will cost \$900 per student. It is anticipated that the cost will be split \$450 from the student and \$450 from the student's diocese. Grant funds will be sought to help defray a portion of this cost.

Faculty:

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Ph.D. (Education), University of Connecticut
MSW (Social Work), University of Connecticut
MA (Theology), St. Leo University
BA (Sociology), Fordham University
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Dale S. Recinella

Ave Maria University, Institute for Pastoral Theology, Naples, FL USA (2006-2009)
M.T.S. (Masters in Theological Studies) Pastoral Theology.
University of Notre Dame School of Law, Notre Dame IN (1974-76)
Juris Doctorate.
Thomas More College, Ft. Mitchell, KY (1970-74)
B.A. Economics
Catholic Correctional Chaplain for Florida Death Row and Long-Term solitary confinement (Raiford and Starke, Florida, 15 years).

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Why Saint Leo?

- ✓ Flexible and Convenient
- ✓ Career-focused Degree Programs
- ✓ Quality, Values-based Education
- ✓ Personal Attention – Start to Finish
- ✓ Affordable Academic Excellence
- ✓ Availability of Courses – Graduate on Time
- ✓ Caring Faculty with Practical Experience

Core Values:

Excellence
Community
Respect
Personal Development
Responsible Stewardship
Integrity



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Saint Leo University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate, bachelor's, master's and specialist degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Saint Leo University.

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THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Certificate Program in Prison
and Detention Ministry



Welcome to Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University has provided world-class academic degree programs to its students since its founding in 1889. Today the University offers over 40 academic programs, including some of the most sought-after majors you'll find anywhere.

Our mission is straightforward: we are here to help you become a better you. We provide you what you need for where you're going.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A convenient four course online program (eight modules per course) for lay volunteers and deacons recently involved in or entering prison ministry to achieve the core competencies necessary to adequately present the Catholic faith inside prisons and detention facilities, including basic principles of Catholic catechesis, evangelization in the setting of prisons and detention facilities, command of basic Catholic theology and interaction between Catholic Christians and other Christian denominations as well as other faiths, and a comprehensive overview of the interpersonal and social skills necessary for social interaction in the prison and detention setting.

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CONTACT:

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REQUIREMENTS:

Prerequisites

- **For certificate and credit programs:** Letter of recommendation from the applicant's Chancery or Diocesan head of prison ministry (or, at their direction, applicant's parish pastor or other priest who will be providing pastoral supervision to the applicant's activities in prison and detention ministry).

And –

- **For Certificate Program:** High school completion level fluency in reading and writing, as evidenced by a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- For Undergraduate Credit: Successful matriculation as an undergraduate student.

Standards for Certificate and Undergraduate Program:

Each module will have a post-test or assignment to demonstrate mastery of the subject matter.

General Policy Issues:

Because the entire program is provided online, student participation is available from anywhere in the world.

- Applicants must be comfortable with online activities and able to handle the program with tutorial help;
- Saint Leo University's highly respected online format makes the program user-friendly and accessible to the average layperson called to prison and detention ministry as a volunteer

CURRICULUM

(each consisting of an eight-week module: total of 4 eight-week modules):

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| A. REL 123 | Foundations of the Christian Faith |
| B. REL 468 | Catechetical Introduction |
| C. REL 100 | Social Skills for Interaction in the Prison and Detention Facility Setting |
| D. REL 200 | Credible and Responsible Ministry in the Prison and Detention Setting |

The initial class group (maximum 30 students) will be presented in 2013 as follows:

Summer Semester I: April 29-June 23
Foundations of the Christian Faith

Summer Semester II: July 1-August 25
Catechetical Introduction

Fall Semester I: August 26-October 20
Social Skills for Interaction

Fall Semester II: October 21-December 15
Credible and Responsible Ministry

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Participants will demonstrate a grasp of the significance of prison and detention ministry as a component of the Church's core mission of evangelization.
- Participants will demonstrate a grasp of the means of catechesis in prison and detention ministry and the use of Sacred Scripture, the Catechism and the social justice teachings of the Church in order to authentically present the Christian message.
- Participants will demonstrate a grasp of the role of evangelization in prison and detention ministry as a component of the overall catechetical activity of the U.S. Church.
- Participants will demonstrate a grasp of the basic foundational principles of Catholic faith and of the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Participants will demonstrate a grasp of the basic spiritual, communal and catechetical practices necessary to the formation and maintenance of Catholic prison ministers.
- Participants will demonstrate a practical understanding of the proper interaction between Catholic Christians and other Christian denominations, as well as other faiths, in Catholic prison and detention ministry.
- Participants will demonstrate a practical understanding of the interpersonal and social skills necessary for social interaction in the prison and detention setting with all stakeholders, including inmates and detainees, their families, friends and advocates, officers and staff, administration and government officials, and crime victims and their families.