



**LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
& University of Great Falls**



The University of Great Falls in collaboration with the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings offers a **Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certificate Program** through distance learning. Initiated in the Fall of 1999, this certification program consists of 30 hours of college-level course work in theology, scripture and ministry offered through video and the internet. Lay ministry students may begin the program at any time taking either one or two classes each semester. Exceptions are that ministry courses should be taken sequentially with TLM 370 and TLM 496 following the majority of the theology courses. The *O'Hara McBride Ely Scholarship*, given by the college to Diocesan Lay Ministry students, provides a significant tuition reduction.

Application, registration, and payment for the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certificate Program are through the Office of Lay Ministry of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. Application and registration for the Spring Session beginning January 2010 are due in the Office of Lay Ministry by November 15, 2010. The scholarship will not apply if you register directly with the University.

Certification Program offerings are:

TRL 200 Fundamentals of Theology	TRL 270 Fundamentals of Ministry
TRL 320 Christian Vocation of Justice	TRL 370 Church Ministries / by arrangement
TRL 224 Christian Conscience	TRL 389 Church's Life and Worship
TRL 240 Reading the Old Testament	TRL 390 Seven Sacraments
TRL 250 Reading the New Testament	TRL 496 Practicum in Ministry /by arrangement (final course)

Fees for the semester beginning Spring 2010 are:

\$35.00 application fee (one-time-only fee; not applicable if previously attended UGF)
\$743.33 includes general fee, technology fee, and three-hour credit course
(through the *O'Hara McBride Ely Scholarship* offered to Diocesan participants)

Books can be purchased through and paid directly to the UGF bookstore, Amazon.com or elsewhere. (UGF may have used books at a lower cost.)

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For application and registration forms or information contact Sr. Eileen, Diocesan Office of Lay Ministry, 1-800-332-9998, ex 17, email: layministry@dioceseofgfb.org or write to the Office of Lay Ministry, P.O. Box 1399, Great Falls, MT 59403-1399.