This is how great pastoral ministers are made.
Pastoral Ministry
MASTER OF ARTS

Is your calling in pastoral ministry? Develop intellectually, pastorally, personally, professionally, and spiritually with Marian University’s Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM).

Completion of this two-year, full-time terminal degree will equip you to serve the pastoral needs of the church. Using a cohort model, students will complete two face-to-face classes, usually Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and one online course each semester.
Choose a university that understands your calling to pastoral ministry.

As the only Catholic university in Indianapolis, Marian University welcomes students from all faiths, creeds, and nationalities. We value diversity of perspectives and cultural backgrounds. We welcome people who dream of making the world a better place through leadership and service—because that’s what we are made of.

Marian University’s College of Graduate and Online Programs offers a range of associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees for students who want to develop exceptional professional skills.

As you think about the education you need to be a well-equipped pastoral minister, think about growing intellectually, pastorally, personally, professionally, and spiritually in a community of learners.

Think about a university where you’ll learn from and collaborate with instructors and peers who provide you with valuable, real-world experience and insights. Think about a campus culture that is warm and welcoming.

• At Marian University, you’re never alone. Our expert faculty guide and encourage you to stretch yourself and achieve more than you ever thought possible.

• Earning a degree at Marian isn’t easy. You’ll find a curriculum that is academically challenging. You’ll explore new ideas, work hard, and think critically.

• Along the way, you’ll build lifelong relationships with mentors and peers who inspire you and challenge you to live a faithful vocation as a pastoral minister.
The program is designed for adult learners who intend to or presently serve the Church as volunteer or professional pastoral ministers. Applicants accepted into the program can benefit from a broad background in practical/pastoral theology that fosters a professional approach to ministry within the context of the contemporary culture.

Not only is our vision to form transformative leaders, but our mission is to promote our Franciscan values including the dignity of the individual, peace and justice, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship. These values, as well as guidelines for certification as an ecclesial minister, provide a strong foundation for those who are called to serve God’s mission.

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“I chose the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program for the opportunity to grow spiritually and intellectually. When I heard Marian was creating a graduate program in theology, and because of their excellent faculty and passionate community, I knew I wanted to be part of it. Upon completing the program, I hope to be better equipped to lead youth and young adults in answering God’s calls in their lives.”

PATRICK VERHILEY

SECOND YEAR

Sample Courses

- Ministry in a Multicultural Church
- Christian Life is Trinitarian Life
- Pastoral Ministry Experience I
- Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation
- The Psalms: Prayer Book of the Bible and the Church
- Pastoral Ministry Experience II

CREDITS: 16
TOTAL MA CREDITS: 36

Pastoral Ministry Opportunities

- Director of Diocesan Offices
- Director of Faith Formation
- Director of Youth Ministry
- Lay Ecclesial Ministry
- Parish Life Coordinator
- Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly
- Preparation for Chaplaincy (CPE required)

DESIRSES

- TO GROW IN AN AWARENESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE IN OTHERS

VALUES

- SERVANT-LEADERSHIP BEHAVIOR
- INVITES OTHERS INTO CONVERSATION AND DECISION-MAKING
- INTEGRATES LEARNING WITH SCRIPTURE, GOOD LISTENING SKILLS, SHOWING RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE, COMFORTABLE PRAYING WIT
Developing Skills to Inform and Transform Pastoral Leadership

In all of your pastoral ministry graduate classes at Marian, you will learn to:

- Lead prayer
- Facilitate discussions, conversations, presentations, activities
- Demonstrate pastoral skills in various ministerial contexts

“After raising seven children and nurturing my own prayer life, I recognized a heartfelt desire to serve God as a pastoral minister. Although my heart was more than ready, my education was not. Marian’s pastoral ministry program educates me in the topics that impact lives, challenges my perspective, increases my knowledge, and expands my awareness. The MAPM curriculum has forced me outside of my comfort zone so I can effectively lead prayer and facilitate meaningful conversations. Thanks to the pastoral ministry program, the door for me to realize my dream and serve Him is open.”

BRIDGET SCHLEBECKER
Find out what we’re made of.

Marian University offers challenging academic programs, but our faculty will support, guide, and encourage you every step of the way. As a student, you will engage with faculty and cohort members to develop and refine your pastoral skills. Students also participate in a supervised ministry experience for hands-on learning, which is why you’ll be ready to make a difference in your church and community when you graduate.

If you’re ready to participate in a pastoral ministry formation program, contact us.

To talk with an admission counselor, email GRadmissions@marian.edu or call 317.955.6128. Let’s discuss your vocation to pastoral ministry and ways the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry can equip you in serving the Church.

If you know you are ready to take the next step, apply online for admission at marian.edu/applynow.
### ASSOCIATE DEGREES
- Business Administration *
- Paralegal Studies *

### BACHELOR’S DEGREES
- Accelerated Nursing Campus
- Accelerated Nursing Online – St. Thomas in Nashville ^
- Accelerated Nursing Online – St. Vincent in Indianapolis ^
- Business Administration *
- Health and Human Services *
- RN to BSN *

* Online program
^ Hybrid program

### MASTER’S DEGREES
- Biomedical Sciences – Medical/Professional
- Biomedical Sciences – Research
- Bridge to Teaching
- Counseling – Clinical Mental Health
- Counseling – School
- Educational Leadership – Catholic ^
- Educational Leadership ^
- MAT Online *
- Nursing – Education
- Pastoral Ministry
- Special Education

### DOCTORAL DEGREES
- Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia
- Osteopathic Medicine

### LICENSURE PROGRAMS
- Building Level Administrators ^
- Special Education Prep *
- Transition to Teaching
- Transition to Teaching Online *

### NON-DEGREE COURSES
- Non-Degree Classes – Graduate Nursing Prerequisites – Undergraduate

### PARTNER PROGRAMS
- Indianapolis Public Schools
- Teach For America
- The New Teacher Project

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