

## ▸ Foundational Courses

### Christian Ministry

#### INTEGRITY IN THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

This program is based on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) 2012 document “Integrity in the Service of the Church”. It is essential that all who perform paid or unpaid work in the service of the Church become aware of, understand and comply with its principles and standards.

The eight 3-hour units are offered free of charge to lay people who are currently serving, or seeking to serve, in a parish or diocesan ministry position, including those in parish leadership, administrative personnel (secretaries, office managers, etc), diocesan and parish councils, Sacramental Teams, RCIA teams, Youth Ministry Teams, Bereavement, Caring and Funeral Ministry Teams, Chaplains, SRE teachers, Apostolic Groups and those exercising liturgical ministries

#### UNITS (THREE HOURS/UNIT)

- 1. Integrity in the Service of the Church - living the Word**  
Foundational Unit: Introduction to document from the ACBC, outlining principles and standards for lay church workers in the Catholic Church in Australia.
- 2. The Word of the Lord - Revelation**  
Our Catholic understanding of revelation and scripture within the life and faith of the Church.
- 3. Discipleship - responding to the Word**  
The life and mission of Jesus: our baptismal call; ethical living as disciples today.
- 4. Church - emerging from the Word**  
Vatican II ecclesiology; Overview of the nature and structures of our diocesan Church.
- 5. Human Relating and Pastoral Care - relating according to the Word**  
Focus on the skills of active listening, empathy, self-awareness; care of self, community, other.
- 6. Call and Discernment - listening to the Word**  
Understanding discernment; living as a discerning person/ community
- 7. Catholic Worship and prayer - embodying the Word**  
Our Catholic understanding of liturgy and prayer
- 8. Integrity in the Service of the Church - serving the Word in ministry**  
Legislative and practical issues around duty of care, ensuring that church workers and those they serve are safe in ministry. Panel and Q&A discussion: Right Relationships; Protection of the Vulnerable; Workplace Safety

