

Loyola University New Orleans and the Priorities of the National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry

Loyola University Institute for Ministry (LIM) of Loyola University New Orleans offers continuing education programs in Spanish and master's and bachelor's degrees in English that help students achieve the pastoral priorities of the USCCB's [*Missionary Disciples Going Forth with Joy: National Pastoral Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry*](#) in the following ways.

- 1. Evangelization and Mission:** Loyola focuses on helping students discern their baptismal vocation and respond to God's call to missionary discipleship.
- 2. Faith Formation and Catechesis:** All of Loyola's programs include spiritual formation; students pray while they study. In addition, Loyola offers a degree in religious education so that students can focus their studies on faith formation and catechesis.
- 3. Pastoral Accompaniment of Hispanic/Latino Families:** Loyola's practical theological approach includes development of skills in listening and accompaniment, what is known as synodality.
- 4. Ministries with Adolescents and Young Adults (Hispanic Youth Ministry):** Loyola is an innovation hub for youth and young adult ministry. LIM Faculty are nationally recognized in young adult ministry.
- 5. Immigration and Advocacy:** Loyola's commitment to justice, as inspired by Pope Francis, includes a focus on issues such as immigration and advocacy.
- 6. Formation for Ministry in a Culturally Diverse Church:** Central to Loyola's method of practical theology is attention to context, particularly socio-cultural context, that allows students to minister in culturally diverse settings.
- 7. Pastoral Care for Those in the Periphery:** Loyola is inspired by Pope Francis's commitment to the poor and marginalized of the world and so is committed to forming leaders who accompany and provide pastoral care for those on the periphery.
- 8. Liturgy and Spirituality:** Ignatian spirituality runs through all LIM programming. In particular, LIM offers courses on liturgy and on spirituality that are transformative and practical.
- 9. Promotion of Vocations:** In line with Vatican II, LIM focuses especially on baptism, which empowers all to live out their vocation of announcing the Good News in the world and the Church.
- 10. Catholic Education:** LIM's programming is grounded in the best of Catholic biblical and theological traditions and so aligns with principles of Catholic education. It equips students for jobs in teaching and ministry in any field.



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