



Formation *for* Formation Leaders

AUGUST 15, 2023 – NOVEMBER 11, 2025

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Formation for Formation Leaders is a 24-month ministry formation leadership program designed to establish a dynamic community of practice that will creatively lead ministry formation into the future.

Formation for Formation Leaders provides professional development through:

THEOLOGICAL GROUNDING:

- + Understanding Christian Anthropology as foundational to Catholic health care
- + Illuminating theological connections to Vocation, Tradition, Catholic Social Teaching, Ethics, Spirituality, and Discernment
- + Accessing theology as a resource for the formation process

PSYCHO-SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

- + Cultivating spiritual practices for strengthening contemplative presence
- + Using the Enneagram for deepening self-awareness
- + Developing strategies for ongoing personal formation

DESIGN, FACILITATION AND PRESENTATION:

- + Enhancing design and facilitation skills
- + Utilizing media and virtual modalities of formation
- + Managing self, group, time, and content

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- + Active engagement in leading/facilitating formation
- + Possess graduate degree in theology or spirituality (Catholic theology - MA, MTS, MAPS, MDiv, etc.) or equivalent combination of education and experience
- + Willingness to commit to the entire program and evidence of organizational support to complete
- + Approval from System Chief Mission or Formation Officer
- + Participation criteria will be consider on an individual basis

PROGRAM FEE

The 24-month program's fee is \$5,500 per participant, which will be billed upon confirmation of program participation. This fee will include all accommodation and meals for five in-person sessions.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

The Formation for Formation Leaders Program is designed using a hybrid methodology with five in-person sessions and nine virtual sessions. Meetings will be held at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa, 1401 Nordic Rd., Itasca, IL, 60143 — approximately 35 minutes from Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Program dates are as follows.

Questions about the Formation for Formation Leaders program? Email formation@chusa.org or call the CHA Service Center at (800) 230-7823.

PROGRAM DATES

FRAMEWORK FOR MINISTRY FORMATION

Orientation:	Virtual	Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
SESSION 1:	IN-PERSON	September 13 – 15, 2023	Program begins at 4 p.m. CT on Wednesday and concludes at 11 a.m. CT on Friday
Session 2:	Virtual	Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
Session 3:	Virtual	Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
SESSION 4:	IN-PERSON	March 27 – 29, 2024	Program begins at 4 p.m. CT on Wednesday and concludes at 11 a.m. CT on Friday
Session 5:	Virtual	Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
Session 6:	Virtual	Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
SESSION 7:	IN-PERSON	September 11 – 13, 2024	Program begins at 4 p.m. CT on Wednesday and concludes at 11 a.m. CT on Friday
Session 8:	Virtual	Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
Session 9:	Virtual	Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
SESSION 10:	IN-PERSON	March 26 – 28, 2025	Program begins at 4 p.m. CT on Wednesday and concludes at 11 a.m. CT on Friday
Session 11:	Virtual	Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
Session 12:	Virtual	Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	
Session 13:	Virtual	Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 1 to 3 p.m. ET	



Leaders in Catholic health care have come to recognize the crucial importance of formation in ensuring the Catholic identity of our ministries. Formation enables all those who serve in Catholic Health Care to embody and express our identity as a ministry.

In response to member needs, the Catholic Health Association is committed to expanding opportunities for ministry formation and serving as a catalyst to strengthen the Catholic identity of CHA member organizations in carrying out the healing mission of the Catholic Church in the world today.

SR. MARY HADDAD, RSM

President and Chief Executive Officer

Catholic Health Association of the United States

Ministry formation creates experiences that invite those who serve in Catholic health care to discover connections between personal meaning and organizational purpose. These connections inspire and enable participants to articulate, integrate, and implement the foundational elements of Catholic health ministry so that it flourishes now and into the future.



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