

The Collaborative Leadership Group (CLG)

The Collaborative Leadership Group is currently composed of people in diocesan leadership positions whose responsibilities include providing formation and training to equip lay ecclesial ministers and pastoral leaders for the work of ministry in our diocese. It includes leaders from the Catholic Schools Office and the Offices of Catechesis, Deacon Formation, Evangelization, Family and Respect Life, Formation for Ministry, Pastoral Leadership, Safe Environment & Victim Assistance, Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

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Deacon Formation	Dc. Tom Cuskey, Director
Evangelization	Mary Hallman, Director Regina Wright, Program Coordinator
Family/Respect Life	Lisa Hall, Director
Formation for Ministry	Eileen Ziobrowski, Associate Director
Pastoral Leadership	Sr. Laura Bufano, CSJ, Director
Safe Environment & Victim Assistance	Jacqueline Bressette, Director
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	Bob Walters, Director Mary Angela Fisher, Associate Director

Collaborative Leadership Group Profile

In April 2018, a group was convened and facilitated by the Office of Pastoral Leadership to consider the possibility of beginning a partnership with the Catechetical Institute (CI) at Franciscan University. The group emerged gradually, became the Collaborative Leadership Group (CLG), and evolved to its present composition. Its purpose has become more clearly defined and the CLG currently serves as a forum for ongoing communication, cooperation and intentional collaboration among diocesan offices whose ministry includes the formation, training and ongoing development of lay ministers and pastoral leaders in the diocese. Their collaborative efforts led to the discovery of common ground. As they discussed the core competencies of their respective programs and processes, the group arrived at a consensus on the four pillars: human, personal, spiritual and pastoral as foundational for all areas of formation. Since December 2020, members of the CLG have delved more deeply into the opportunities that the CI and Franciscan at Home offers. The CLG is eager to gather further wisdom and gain greater insight as they continue to explore CI workshops and other possibilities for collaboration in the coming months.