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To: Clergy, Deacon Aspirants, Directors of Liturgy and Music, RCIA Coordinators, PCLs, Religious, Parish Secretaries
From: Rosalind Sanchez, Director, Office of Worship
Re: Liturgical Ministry Formation Days (LMFD)
Date: September 28, 2018

Since 2005, at the direction of Bishop Guillory, the Office of Worship has offered Liturgical Ministry Formation Days (LMFD) for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristans, Ministers of Hospitality, Liturgical Environment, and Liturgy Committees. The Formation Days are presented by me and by various members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Liturgical Ministry Formation Days are offered at various host parishes on various days at various times.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Days are not Training or Workshops. Specific training for liturgical ministers is done by the pastor. Liturgical Ministry Formation Day are about Formation, Formation through the theology, the history, the spirituality of the ministry as well as a review of the liturgy and the place of these liturgical ministries in the liturgy. As Bishop Guillory indicates in his policy, it is important to be formed in our ministry as well as trained, because formation encompasses the entire person, helps one to know more, appreciate more and love more the ministry and the prayer of the Church, liturgy. During the five–six hour Formation days there is opportunity for group sharing and scripture reflection, and many handouts and pamphlets are provided at no charge to participants.

There is no expense to the host parish. The hosting parish will be asked to provide coffee and possibly be responsible for ordering lunch for Saturday Formation Days but the parish will be reimbursed by the Diocese. The Office of Worship will bring breakfast pastries and snacks.

A complete schedule of Liturgical Ministry Formation Days will be emailed to all by the first week in October. Included with the schedule will be a Registration Form. This information will also be posted on the Diocese of Beaumont webpage under the Worship tab.