

## Registration form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor appointment date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one below:

\$1,800 fee

\$250 non-refundable deposit

*Make check payable to:*  
**New Pastors' Program**

*Mail check and completed form to:*  
**New Pastors' Program**  
**Rev. Christopher Smith**  
**13280 Chapman Ave.**  
**Garden Grove, CA 92840**

## A two-week program

### Week one Northern CA

September 30 - October 4, 2019

Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Menlo Park, California

### Week two Southern CA

May 11 - 15, 2020

Christ Cathedral

Garden Grove, California

Each week begins with dinner on Monday and ends with lunch on Friday.

The fee of \$1,800 covers: meals, housing, resources, and socials for both weeks.

Applicants should submit a \$250 deposit at the time of registration. The balance is due before the beginning of the program. Limited space available. Early registration is recommended.

# new PASTORS Program



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**FIRST TIME PASTOR**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

**PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR**

*new*  
**PASTORS**  
Program

A workshop designed for first time pastors, parish administrators, and parish life directors. Created as a year-long process, the program is an integrated two-week experience. It draws on the participant's actual practice of ministry usually after only a few months of ministry in Week I and almost a year of ministry in Week II as one of the main resources.

*"Helped me get started on the right foot."  
(Pastor of large suburban parish)*

*"Information and models I can use."  
(Pastor of inner city parish)*

*"I came to the workshop feeling like a failure  
as a new pastor. I left with a sense of hope  
and what to do next."  
(Pastor of a small, rural parish)*

Research indicates the first 18 months in the relationship between a new pastor, his staff, and the people of the parish will set the tone and the possibilities for ministry during the remaining years.

In the New Pastors Program, you will draw upon proven models of ministry together with the experience of resource persons and fellow new pastors.

You will be able to develop an effective approach to ministry in your own unique parish as well as care better for yourself during this challenging time.

Each week takes place in a beautiful setting. In addition to the working sessions, the week incorporates communal prayer, the Eucharist, and time for recreation and rest as part of the experience.

## Focus

New Pastors Program will focus on the pastor's personal understanding of his ministry and the skills needed to implement it. Topics will include:

**Communication Management  
in Parish**

**Transition to a New Parish**

**Role of Pastor**

**Parish Structures**

**Staff Development**

**Meeting Design & Management**

**Stewardship**

**Time Management**

**Human Resource Strategies**

**Conflict Management**

**New Evangelization & the Pastor**

**Wellness & Spiritual Health**

**Spirituality for Pastors**

**Role of Pastor & Catholic Education**

**Pastoring in the Midst of Diversity**



## Program Director

**Very Rev. Christopher H. Smith**

Fr. Christopher Smith has served as a priest of the Diocese of Orange for over 38 years, and has been involved in the ongoing formation of priests for over 10 years. He holds a Masters in Divinity from St. John's Seminary and a Masters in Religious Education from Fordham University. He has served in a number of capacities in the Diocese of Orange, including Parochial Vicar, Director of the Office for Religious Education, Vicar for Religious Education, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Santa Ana, Episcopal Vicar for Priests and Director of the Ministry to Priests Office. He is the Chairperson of the Editorial Council of the *Orange County Catholic*. He currently serves as Episcopal Vicar and Rector of Christ Cathedral in the **Diocese of Orange**.

