



# *The Diocese of Victoria*

## **Pastoral Institute Extended Program**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended guidelines for social distancing, space is limited for weekly in-person sessions; therefore, to accommodate the adults who desire to continue participating in the Pastoral Institute courses, the following is available:

1. **Hybrid format (in-person and virtual):** Adult participants (limited number) will meet at the Chancery office in Victoria, and specific parish location/s, for weekly sessions. *Social distancing guidelines will be followed at all locations.*
2. **Synchronous sessions (from a tablet, computer or cell phone):** Adult participants will join **live sessions** each week (Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings). In this format, participants will be able to post or ask questions directly for the instructor. *Synchronous participants are asked to join the sessions 15 minutes prior to the start of class.*
3. **Asynchronous sessions (on demand):** Adult participants will have the opportunity to view and listen to the weekly-recorded sessions (**from a tablet, computer or cell phone**) from a password-protected site. The weekly session will be available **Friday – Thursday**. **Asynchronous participants MUST** email [pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org) after viewing the session each week, in order to receive the credit hours (two hours for each session). *If you cannot complete the session in the allotted time, please notify Christella Alvarez at 361-827-7171 or [calvarez@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:calvarez@victoriadiocese.org) to make other arrangements.*
4. Adult participants (**hybrid** or **synchronous**) who are **not able to attend** a regularly scheduled session are asked to notify [pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pisecretary@victoriadiocese.org).
5. **Please check your device for compatibility prior to the sessions:** <https://systemtest.globalmeet.com>. If you have trouble connecting, please call 1-800-776-0770; explain you are trying to join **Pastoral Institute**; **Guest passcode: 663013.**

Please contact Christella Alvarez or Brunilda Ortiz for any concerns, questions, or comments. *Thank you.*