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 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 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.

5. **Please check your device for compatibility prior to the sessions:**
   [https://systemtest.globalmeet.com](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.*