



NATHANAEL 2020-2023

Lay Faith Formation,
to form missionary disciples

INFORMATION for PASTORS AND PARISH LIFE DIRECTORS

NATHANAEL 2020-2023...a new group begins in September 2020 and will run once a month, 10 months of the year, on Saturdays and Sundays, (not live-in) until June 2023. The 2020-2021 Calendar is in your info kit.

Themes:

- Year **1**: Personal Conversion
- Year **2**: Called to be Church
- Year **3**: Sent into the World

Five main pillars:

1. Personal Growth
2. Spiritual Life and Prayer
3. Scripture
4. Church Tradition
5. Missionary Disciples

The Church Tradition pillar includes the study of Vatican II documents, marriage and the family and pastoral responses to current major ethical questions. The Missionary Disciples' pillar will address the topics of new evangelization, Christian leadership and social justice.

Two to three hours per pillar per month, on the average.

The Eucharist, celebration of the Sacraments and Morning and Evening Prayer will be interwoven into this process and will follow the Liturgical Year.

Anyone may apply for an interview. Our goal is to work with men and women who are sincerely seeking to live their baptismal vocation in the spirit of Vatican II, and whose desire it is to impact the world in which they live, as missionary disciples of Christ.

We encourage the lay leadership of your parish to participate in this faith formation program.



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Candidates will be required to attend all weekend sessions every month. We ask the cooperation of each Pastor and Parish Life Director to facilitate this and to not seek the participation of candidates for parish events during the Nathanael weekends.

The yearly cost of the program:

\$3,000 total per candidate

\$2,000 paid by Archdiocese per candidate

\$500**for Parish per candidate

\$500** for candidate – includes books and retreat (payment options available)

**Bursaries available

What to do next:

1. The Pastors and Parish Life Directors invite and encourage potential candidates to participate in one of the *Come & See* (Open Doors): dates coming soon
2. *Request for Interview* forms are available in the parish, on line and at the *Come & See* sessions.
3. Applicants are asked to fill in the *Request for Interview* form. We ask you to sign them. **Please note that the deadline to apply for an interview is May 31, 2020.**
4. The Nathanael Coordinator will contact you directly to discuss questions about the applicants.
5. Two members of the Nathanael Formation Team will interview each applicant.
6. Applicants, Pastors and Parish Life Directors will receive confirmation of acceptance by June 30, 2020.

The purpose of Nathanael is to help each candidate deepen his or her baptismal vocation to become a disciple in our world today. In the past, several candidates became leaders in their Christian communities. Many also chose to become witnesses of the Gospel among the poor and the neglected, and in the world in which we live.