



# GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Santa Clara University is pleased to offer an online blended Master's of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry for the Diocese of Sacramento. The degree requirements consist of 15 four-unit classes taken over 4 years and 3 summers. The courses are taught through a combination of face-face, video conferencing and online experiences.

## **SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- A recommended 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA)

## **SCU APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Complete SCU's online application by July 1st, 2017: [www.scu.edu/pastoralministries](http://www.scu.edu/pastoralministries)
- Submit official transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation from persons able to evaluate the applicant's ability to successfully complete graduate studies and her/his ministerial experience

## **FINANCING**

- The cost of tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is \$1710 per 4 unit course (includes 25% discount for those involved in ministry)
- The cost of tuition increases by approximately 4% each year

## **REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP**

- Have a minimum of two years experience in ministry, paid or volunteer
- The applicant must sign a letter of agreement with the sponsoring parish and the diocese committing to serve for a period of time as a Master Catechist of the Diocese of Sacramento, as well to serve in his/her parish

## **APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DIOCESAN SCHOLARSHIP**

In order to reduce the impact of the cost of this program, the Diocese is able to offer partial scholarships for 9 students. Scholarship recipients will have their tuition split evenly three ways: 1/3rd of the cost will be financed by the Diocese, 1/3rd by the parish, and 1/3rd by the student. For students who qualify, cost for the 2017-2018 school year is \$2280.

- Complete Diocesan Scholarship Application by July 1st, 2017
- Interview with the Diocese of Sacramento DEC Staff Member
- Pastor recommendation letter regarding her/his ministerial experience and skills