

Catholic Leaders Formation Network

Equipping leaders for faith leadership



The Catholic Leaders Formation Network (CLFN) is a fruit of the partnership between Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia and ACU's La Salle Academy.

The CLFN brings together Catholic leaders, educators and ministers for prayer, learning, formation and sharing in small faith communities with others in similar ministries and roles so that they can more effectively evangelise.

The CLFN is a response to a recognition at all levels of Church leadership that formation for Church leaders is critical to the Church's mission in Australia into the future. Despite new forms of social media and communication, Church leaders rarely enjoy the spiritual nourishment and fellowship that can come from journeying with other Church leaders meeting regularly in small groups for prayer, formation and to share their faith and life experience as Church leaders.



FLAME Communities

Small faith communities of leaders in similar ministries and roles who meet regularly in groups of 8-10 for prayer, formation and to share their faith and life experience as Church leaders. Their purpose is to ignite and fan the flames of their relationship with Christ and commitment as missionary disciples committed to the Church's mission of evangelisation.

FLAME Series

Courses and programs include Porta Fidei, Called and Essentials for Faith Leadership. They seek to renew, form and equip Church leaders, and aspiring Church leaders, as missionary evangelisers. These courses will vary in mode, duration and location.

The CLFN also provides opportunities for leaders to facilitate FLAME Communities and FLAME programs.



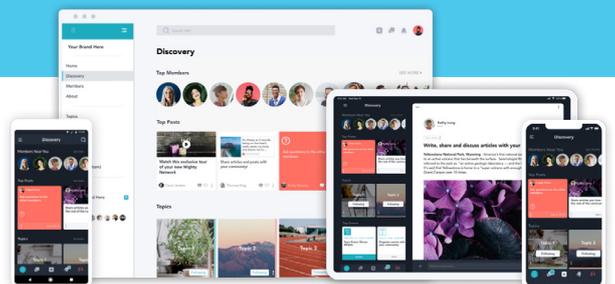
Weekly Prayer

Formed in Prayer provides weekly Sunday Gospel inspired prayer and reflection for staff prayer. There is the opportunity to pray together, learn and adapt traditional forms of prayer such as Lectio Divina and The Ignatian Examen. Click here for a sample: t.ly/pPGg



Supportive Online Network

The CLFN online platform provides tools to learn from and collaborate with other members in similar roles, ministries and regions. Use Zoom, Chat and Topic features to seek advice, look for and share resources as well as discuss emerging issues in pastoral practice. Explore and enjoy all our network features on our exclusive app. Formation webinars are on offer throughout the year.



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Assist in renewing and enhancing the Catholic identity and mission of your School.



CSYMA EDUCATOR

CLFN members applying for certification as a CSYMA Educator must have completed

- An Introduction to CSYMA – Secondary or Primary
- A significant retreat experience with an emphasis on formation within the past three years (e.g. Porta Fidei, Called or a parish, Diocesan or Centre retreat)

Certification will be granted to those educators in schools who have implemented CSYMA and participated in past CLFN professional learning and formation.

Certified CSYMA Educators are expected to be active members of the CLFN.



Spiritus

The Spiritus program is a unique faith formation program for education and other Church ministry leaders, equipping them for evangelisation in our contemporary context. Spiritus can be completed as a professional learning program or as units of study in ACU post graduate courses.

CLFN LEADER

Certification as a CLFN Leader is a recognition of a person's commitment to their own ongoing formation for mission and capacity to facilitate formation within CLFN FLAME Communities and Programs. CLFN leaders applying for certification must have completed

- The ACU Spiritus Program or a Youth Ministry Equipping School (YMES) or an equivalent program with a clear focus on evangelisation, spiritual growth and formation for mission in a specific pastoral context such as Catholic schools, youth ministry in a parish or diocese. Click here for a sample Spiritus program: csymi.com/catholic-leaders-formation-network and here for a sample YMES: csymi.com/yymi-equipping-school
- A short CLFN online module, 'The Catholic Leaders Formation Network'
- A significant retreat experience with an emphasis on formation within the past five years (e.g. Porta Fidei, Called, Essentials or a parish, diocesan or spirituality centre retreat)

Certified CLFN Leaders are expected to be active members of the CLFN.



Leadership of Staff and Student Formation

The CLFN itself provides opportunities for leadership aimed at mentoring and supporting other leaders in Catholic schools, parishes, organisations, ministries and movements. The platform provides professional learning and formation resources that you can use and adapt in running CSYMA and CLFN programs for your staff.



Certification as a CSYMA Educator and CLFN Leader

Seek, gain and maintain certification as a CSYMA Educator and/or CLFN Leader. Be recognised as a leader committed to their own professional learning and formation for mission. Be recognised as a leader committed to supporting other leaders and aspiring leaders in the Church. See information in left hand column.

Belong to a community of leaders and teams committed to evangelisation

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