

Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) Program: Loyola University

Catholic Extension is offering a one-time grant opportunity to select bilingual Latino lay leaders serving or aspiring to serve the Church in Extension dioceses. The program allows students to pursue a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) from Loyola University. The ATS accredited program is virtual and bilingual (Spanish/English) and is offered during a two-year period.

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) program prepares students for ministerial service in bicultural and bilingual communities. It integrates theological and pastoral formation in four fundamental areas:

1. Human
2. Spiritual
3. Intellectual
4. Ministerial

The MAPS Online Bilingual Program offers students a broad systematic foundation for a variety of ministries and tools necessary to, critically and constructively, engage with the challenges and opportunities of our time. The program starts in the summer every year, continues through fall and spring semesters, and ends with a final summer session. Students will travel for a 2-3 day annual in-person academic gathering in summers 2 and 3. **36 credit hours are required to earn the degree.**

All courses are offered online, with both synchronized (video conferencing) and non-synchronized (discussion forums) formats that allow students to be flexible and balance work and personal life.

Supervised practice hour requirements can be completed in the student's own local community.

Note: *** All students must be fully bilingual. (Spanish/English).*

Key Outcomes:

- 1) Bilingual academically educated lay leaders who can serve the diocese and bring creative and uplifting pastoral energy to areas where resources are scarce.
- 2) Through cost-sharing, there is minimal financial impact to both students and diocese.

Expected Contributions:

PARTICIPATING DIOCESE:

- 1) Dioceses identify and nominate students who are:
 - a. In good academic standing, committed to and currently serving their diocese or parish community, who qualify for graduate-level education;
 - b. Have a strong history of service or otherwise have built a relationship with the diocese;
 - c. Have knowledge about the communities they serve and their unique cultural gifts; and
 - d. Demonstrate the level of commitment needed for their assigned pastoral work.

Diocese will:

- 2) Nominate a student to participate in this program.
- 3) Gather student with key diocesan leaders and the Bishop at least once a year, to foster collaboration and guide the formation of the student.
- 4) Provide meaningful pastoral opportunities as well as pastoral mentorship for the student during the degree program.
- 5) Provide annual progress evaluations with quantitative and qualitative information, highlighting major pastoral accomplishments of students.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION:

- 1) If the diocese can meet all the above requirements, Catholic Extension will commit a maximum of \$12,000 (50%) tuition, and travel.
- 2) Catholic Extension will take primary responsibility for communicating this opportunity to the dioceses it serves.
- 3) Catholic Extension reserves the right to suspend a student's scholarship at any time due to poor overall academic performance.

STUDENT:

- 1) Must be eligible for admission to the university, maintain a GPA above the minimum standards of the institution, and comply with all other ethical and academic requirements of the university throughout the duration of their studies.
- 2) Pays \$3,415 (17%) tuition plus 100% university matriculation, technology, and course fees, books and supplies, and provides proof of health insurance.
- 3) Completes the program within Loyola University's timeline.
- 4) Cooperates with Catholic Extension's marketing team when interviews are requested.

- 5) Must attend an in-person gathering in summers 2 and 3 at Loyola University in Chicago.
- 6) Must be active in diocesan or parish-level ministry during the program and commits to serve in ministry for two years post-program.

UNIVERSITY:

- 1) Provides \$6,830 (33%) tuition to students in this program.
- 2) Is responsible for screening and admitting students and reserves the right to dismiss students who fail to meet the university's academic and ethical standards.
- 3) Provides high quality education to students, which is pastorally relevant to the students' present and future ministry.

*Admission to the program is based on review and approval by Catholic Extension and the participating academic institution.

Partnership Agreement
 Terms and Conditions 1: Financials

| | Academic Year 1 2025-2026 | Academic Year 2 2026-2027 | Total Program Cost |
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| TOTAL COST VALUE | \$10,045.00 | \$ 13,925.00 | \$23,970.00 |
| Tuition | \$ 8,360.00 | \$ 12,130.00 | \$20,490.00 |
| Matriculation Fee | \$ 100.00 | \$ 00.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Technology Fees | \$ 160.00 | \$ 195.00 | \$ 355.00 |
| Course Fees | \$ 625.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,425.00 |
| Travel | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,600.00 |
| CONTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN | | | Total Contributions |
| <u>Catholic Extension</u> | | | |
| Tuition | \$ 4,180.00 | \$ 6,065.00 | \$10,245.00 |
| Travel for summer session | \$ 800.00 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,600.00 |
| Total: | \$4,980.00 | \$ 6,865.00 | \$11,845.00 |
| <u>Loyola University</u> | | | |
| Tuition | \$ 2,787.00 | \$ 4,043.00 | \$ 6,830.00 |
| <u>Student/Diocese/Parish</u> | | | |
| Tuition | \$1,393.00 (e) | \$2,022.00 (e) | \$3,415.00 |
| <u>Fees</u> | | | |
| Summer 1: Matriculation Fee | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 |
| Summer 1: Technology fee | \$ 30.00 | | \$ 30.00 |
| Summer 1: Course fee | \$ 500.00 | | \$ 500.00 |
| Fall 1: Technology fee | \$ 65.00 | | \$ 65.00 |
| Spring 1: Technology Fee | \$ 65.00 | | \$ 65.00 |
| Spring 1: Course fee | \$ 125.00 | | \$ 125.00 |
| Summer 2: Technology fee | | \$ 65.00 | \$ 65.00 |
| Fall 2: Technology Fee | | \$ 65.00 | \$ 65.00 |
| Fall 2: Course fee | | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Spring 2: Technology fee | | \$ 65.00 | \$ 65.00 |
| Spring 2: Course fee | | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 |
| Summer 3: Course fee | | \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Total: | \$2,278.00 | \$3,017.00 | \$5,295.00 |
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***Note:** Once a student is admitted to the program, tuition will remain unchanged until the completion of their degree in 27 months.

For more information, or for questions related to the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies Program, please contact Verónica Ávila, Manager of Mission Programs, at 312.795.5128 or vavila@catholicextension.org.

Partnership Agreement

I have read the Terms and Conditions of the Partnership Agreement and agree to uphold my individual commitment as an active partner in the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) Program.

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Diocesan Representative First and Last Name

Signature and Date

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On-Site Supervisor/Mentor First and Last Name

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Student First and Last Name

Signature and Date