

WHAT IS EFM?

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY is NOT:

A college or seminary class. It has:

- No papers
- No tests
- No grades
- No instructor
- No diploma
- No credit

EFM *IS* a Christian Formation program, offered for over 40 years by the School of Theology, University of the South (Sewanee).

- It is NOT a Bible Study group
- It is NOT a catechumens process
- It is NOT a therapy group

EFM *IS* a weekly seminar that uses Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience to reflect theologically on the Christian life. Trained mentors lead seminar groups in local meetings, or in online groups.

EFM is NOT for discernment of a priestly vocation.

EFM *IS* for discernment of ministry as a baptized Christian person, in whatever circumstances one finds oneself.

EFM is NOT for 'professional' or even particularly devout Christians.

EFM *IS* for sincere seekers after understanding, insight, and appreciation of the experience of God in everyday life.

EFM is NOT a four-year commitment.

EFM *IS* a one-year commitment, which can be renewed for four years.

EFM is NOT expensive.

Yet, EFM is NOT free.

- Tuition is necessary for curriculum development, training and administrative costs
- Our Diocese is a member diocese of EFM, offering discounted tuition rates
- Limited scholarships are available for those for whom the tuition would be prohibitive

If you have an interest in considering EFM, speak to a trained mentor in your area, or get in touch with the Diocesan Coordinator: Peter Prewandowski at ppletitbe@gmail.com