

# GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES

*Educating minds and opening hearts to change the world*

Offering a Master of Arts in Catechetics, Liturgical Music,  
Pastoral Liturgy, and Spirituality



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY



## FINDING COMMUNITY AND A LIFE VOCATION

### WHO STUDIES AT GPPM?

- Average class size: 15 students
- Gender: 48% men and 52% women
- Students range from 22 to 65 years old
- 10% of students are members of religious orders or ordained ministers

### ARE INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Ministry opportunities are available right on campus!

- Resident Minister
- Ignatian Solidarity Intern
- Sacramental Formation
- Resident Ministry Assistant
- Search Retreats

### WHAT DO PASTORAL MINISTERS DO WITH THEIR DEGREES?

Students and graduates of the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries serve in diocesan offices and parishes as Catechists, Advanced Lay Leaders, Youth Ministers, Deacons, RCIA Teachers, Liturgy and Music Directors, and Directors of Religious Education.

Graduates work in Catholic and other denominational schools as administrators, religion teachers, and campus ministers.

Graduates also work at non-profits as Executives and Program Directors and, as Retreat Leaders, Spiritual Directors, and Hospital/Hospice Chaplains. Some graduates use their M.A. degree as a stepping stone to Doctoral Studies.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Most GPPM students receive at least 50% scholarship



## IGNATIAN VALUES AND JUSTICE VISION

The integration of social justice into all aspects of teaching, research, and community engagement has established Santa Clara University as a leader in American higher education. The Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries combines Santa Clara's academic excellence with a commitment to the spiritual development of those who are called to address issues of faith, equity, and justice in the world. We provide students with a solid foundation in history, liturgy, and theology, as well as opportunities to explore the moral and ethical questions of our time in preparation for leading lives of service to humanity and the Church.

## ARE MINISTRY STUDIES FOR ME?

### CAN I AFFORD IT?

Generous donors to the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries have created an endowment that allows the Program to offer financial aid and scholarships. The program is uniquely affordable, offering most students at least 50% scholarship based on need and experience.

### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE MY STUDIES?

Our students come from all walks of life, and many already have significant commitments in their work, family, and spiritual lives. With the option of day and evening courses, most students in the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries take one or two courses per quarter and complete their degree in three to five years. It is also possible to finish in five summers. However, with full-time study, a student can complete a degree in two years.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

*Admission requirements include:*

- Completion of online application
- Baccalaureate from an accredited institution
- GPA of 3.0 preferred
- Statement of purpose
- Official transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation

*International applications also include:*

- Official transcript evaluation
- Official TOEFL score report

## BUILDING A THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

For those who wish to deepen their faith or pursue lay vocations within churches, the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries offers an inspiring and disciplined environment for advanced study. Under the guidance of our well-respected and widely published faculty, students gain a solid theological foundation and engage in critical dialogue about issues that matter most today.

Students select courses in the following areas:

<b>FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY</b>	<b>PMIN 201</b> <b>PMIN 288</b>	FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY PRACTICAL THEOLOGY
<b>CHRISTOLOGY</b>	<b>PMIN 203</b>	MYSTERY OF CHRIST
<b>ETHICS</b>	<b>PMIN 287</b>	ISSUES OF MORAL THEOLOGY
<b>ECCLESIOLOGY</b>	<b>PMIN 204</b> <b>PMIN 225</b>	CHURCH IN THE WORLD TODAY CHURCH HISTORY
<b>HEBREW BIBLE</b>	<b>PMIN 205</b> <b>PMIN 289</b>	HEBREW BIBLE SOCIAL ETHICS OF THE HEBREW BIBLE
<b>NEW TESTAMENT</b>	<b>PMIN 206</b> <b>PMIN 214</b>	SYNOPTIC GOSPELS NEW TESTAMENT

Students in the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries earn an M.A. degree with the opportunity to concentrate in one of four key areas of ministry and faith development.

### SPIRITUALITY

People of all vocations and walks of life pursue Spirituality studies in order to enrich their lives through a deeper exploration of their faith. Others choose this emphasis to deepen their understanding of spiritual matters in order to pursue careers in fields related to social justice, such as human services, community outreach, education, youth or campus ministry, or spiritual direction. Coursework focuses on history, psychology, discernment, contemporary issues, liturgy, scripture, and prayer.

<http://www.scu.edu/cas/pastoralministries/academics/spirituality.cfm>

### PASTORAL LITURGY

The Pastoral Liturgy emphasis attracts committed lay leaders and parish staff members who have already gained extensive ministry experience as Eucharistic Ministers, Chaplains, Lectors, or Music Ministers. They seek an M.A. degree in order to advance their skills and prepare for future positions such as Director of Liturgy or Music Director. Coursework focuses on the Eucharist, the liturgy and liturgical spirituality, ritual, sacraments of healing, and music.

<http://www.scu.edu/cas/pastoralministries/academics/liturgy.cfm>



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Catechetics emphasis enables educators in schools (K–12) and parishes to deepen their theological knowledge and educational practice in order to better serve students and parishioners. Coursework focuses on the fundamentals of religious education, including the process and practice of Catechesis and Liturgical Catechesis. Students may also take electives offered through Santa Clara University's respected School of Education and Counseling Psychology program.

<http://www.scu.edu/cas/pastoralministries/academics/catechetics.cfm>

### LITURGICAL MUSIC

The Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries is one of the few programs in the nation that educates people in the theology of music and equips them with practical tools to become parish music ministers. Students typically have their B.A. in Music and choose this emphasis in order to focus on music ministry. The wide-ranging coursework includes sacred music literature and history, Christian Liturgy and liturgical spirituality, hymnody, choral conducting, music ensemble, and private instruction in organ and voice.

<http://www.scu.edu/cas/pastoralministries/academics/liturgical.cfm>



### **ABOUT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY**

Located 40 miles south of San Francisco in California's Silicon Valley, Santa Clara University is a Jesuit, Catholic university that educates leaders of competence, conscience, and compassion.

### **ABOUT THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

Founded in 1983, the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries offers small classes tailored to our students' ministry goals. The program provides a strong theological foundation to an international body of students. Day and evening classes are available.

### **CONTACT US**

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