

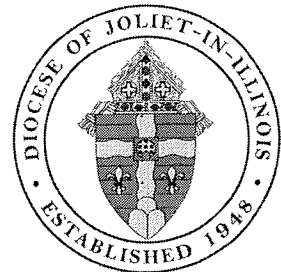
Annulment Field Advocate Ministry Training

**A collaborative Ministry
in the Diocese of Joliet:**

**The Center for
Family Ministry
and
The Tribunal**

**Saturday
April 21, 2012
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Check-in at 8:00 a.m.)**

St. Charles Pastoral Center



Please return completed
registration form to:

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Please register April 17, 2012.

What is Field Advocate Ministry Training?

This training is for parish ministers or parish volunteers who want to assist an individual in preparing his/her material to begin an annulment case with the Joliet Tribunal.

What need does this program address?

Some individuals, who may have a very promising case, find it difficult to begin the case with the Tribunal. This may be due to the paperwork that the process involves. This may be due to the emotional nature of the material. This may be due to the involved nature of a Tribunal process. These individuals need some local, immediate assistance to begin their case.

Where do the Participants come from?

Those who participate in this training are selected by the local parish staff. Those who attend this training may be members of the parish staff or parish volunteers. **Those trained by this program are in service to the local parish and the local parish staff.**

What is this training not intended to do?

This training is not intended to prepare spiritual directors or counselors or experts on the declaration of nullity process. Rather, it is intended to prepare someone to walk others through the Tribunal process. It is intended to be a resource to a local parish staff when an individual in the parish needs assistance in beginning a Tribunal case.

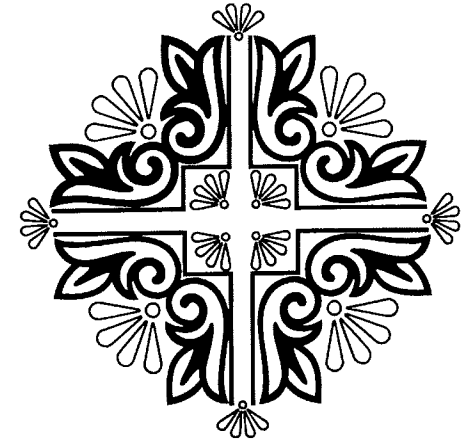
Training Structure

Because this ministry involves care of the whole person, it will be conducted jointly by the Center for Family Ministry and the Diocesan Tribunal. The training will have three components:

- ❖ **Ministerial orientation**- will profile the individuals that may come for assistance. What are these individuals struggling with? What might be blocking them in filing a case with the Tribunal? What may be the different facets of the situation?
- ❖ **Procedural orientation** will teach the basic demands and structure of the Tribunal process. What does the process focus on and what can be ignored? What must be done in order to begin a case with the Tribunal? What are the most common problems and delays.
- ❖ **Outline of various models of assistance.** What kind of assistance can be given? How can an individual be mentored and what can be done beyond simply mentoring.

When and Where is the training?

The training will take place at St. Charles Pastoral Center on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes coffee, lunch, and training materials.



Benefits of sending people to this training include:

- The ministry allows someone other than the busy pastor to work with the annulment candidates.
- It creates both a pastoral and technical framework at the parish level to assist those interested in pursuing a declaration of nullity.
- It removes perceived barriers to annulment by allowing the ministers to interact and educate people.
- It offers a ready opportunity to extend evangelization.