

MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

The Center for the Study of Church Management at the Villanova School of Business (VSB) offers an educational experience that will transform the way you lead and serve the church in an increasingly complex world. The Master of Science in Church Management (MSCM) is an innovative, two-year graduate business program that provides you with a high-level skill set in church management.

Whether you are a church leader looking for increased management expertise or a volunteer looking to apply your skills in the church, a Master of Science in Church Management from Villanova University gives you a solid management foundation designed specifically for faith-based institutions.

If you are interested in strengthening your ability to contribute to the church's mission—and you require the convenience of an online program—

then the MSCM is the degree for you.

YOU'LL MASTER 4CORE COMPETENCIES

In less than two years, you will build a network of peers and gain the following cutting-edge competencies:

LEADING

mission-driven churches; individuals and groups; organizational culture

PLANNING

pastoral priorities and strategies; technology and data; canon and civil law compliance

ORGANIZING

human resources; structures and relationships; advisory councils and boards

STEWARDING

budgets and financials; transparent information; facilities and risk



The MSCM is a one-of-a-kind degree. I am so proud of the difference our graduates make in their faith communities.

Joyce E. A. Russell, PhD,

The Helen and William O'Toole Dean of the Villanova School of Business

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The MSCM program is built upon two foundational elements—a solid business curriculum and a faith-based approach to church management. This is a practical degree. Material that you cover in one week can be applied to your ministry the next week.

Each student is exposed to the study of management and its applications within the context of church leadership.

And unlike a number of other programs—in which church management is just an add-on specialization within a standard MBA degree—the MSCM curriculum is holistic and fully integrated. Each course is meticulously designed for church managers and addresses management issues from a faith-based perspective.

MSCM courses cover topics including leadership in religious organizations, civil and church laws, financial oversight and human resource management in a ministry setting.

WHAT CLASSES WILL I BE TAKING?

The 30-credit MSCM curriculum is designed to be completed part-time in just 24 months, and includes the following:

- Leadership, Ethics, and Catholic Social Thought
- Information Technology in Ministry
- Ecclesiology and Church History
- Organizational Management
- Human Resource Management in a Ministry Setting

- Financial Reporting and Controls
- Church Security and Facilities
- Pastoral Strategic Planning
- Stewardship and Development
- Civil Law and Church Law for Church Administrators

ONLINE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT



WHO SHOULD APPLY TO THE MSCM PROGRAM?

The MSCM is designed to meet the needs of an international student body of church leaders and managers of all faiths— including parish business managers, managers of diocesan and religious order departments and those engaged in managing church-related social service ministries. It is ideal for professionals who cannot take leave of their positions to relocate and pursue full-time study.

WHEN DO CLASSES MEET?

The program begins with online classes in mid-May, followed by a one-week residency on the Villanova University campus during the first week of June. After the one-week residency, the remaining MSCM courses are provided online, enabling you to attend all classes without leaving your home or office.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Students who have a letter of recommendation from their pastor or a representative of the Church are eligible for a 50% tuition scholarship thanks to a special partnership between the Archdiocese and Villanova University. The normal tuition of \$980 per credit will be reduced to \$490 per credit.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is based on experience, letters of recommendation and a personal essay.

Standardized tests such as the GRE and GMAT are not required. TOEFL may be required for some students.

Financial aid is available through the Villanova University Office of Financial Assistance. Early application is highly recommended. All students need a 3.0 GPA in MSCM courses in order to graduate.

HOW TO APPLY

Application instructions and forms are on the Master of Science in Church Management website:

MSCMVILLANOVA.EDU, or e-mail us at **CCM@VILLANOVA.EDU**.











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WHY VILLANOVA?

Villanova University, a co-educational Roman Catholic institution, was founded by the Order of Saint Augustine in 1842 in Villanova, Pennsylvania. A premier institution of higher education, Villanova provides a comprehensive education rooted in the liberal arts; a shared commitment to the Augustinian ideals of truth, unity and love; and a community dedicated to service to others.

ABOUT VILLANOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The Villanova School of Business (VSB) has been at the forefront of business education since it was founded in 1922. Today it is recognized as a premier educational institution, offering undergraduate programs, graduate programs and executive education.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CHURCH MANAGEMENT

The Center for Church Management (CCM) at the Villanova School of Business provides education and scholarship in the Augustinian Catholic tradition on strategic, management and temporal matters in service to leaders of churches and Christian faith-based ministries. Founded in 2004 by Charles Zech, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Economics, CCM performs research and conducts both for-credit and non-credit programs in church management. The Center collaborates with diocese and churches throughout the world to help church leaders steward their resources, build stronger church communities, and more effectively share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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