

§100 PASTORAL ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION

100.1. Policy All pastoral associates in the Archdiocese of Chicago must either have or be in the process of application for certification with the Office for Lay Pastoral Ministry.

100.2. Policy No pastor or administrator is authorized to hire a pastoral associate unless and until the Office for Lay Pastoral Ministry has determined that the applicant is eligible for certification.

Recognition is also a provision to flex to the unique needs of those ministers who have been working as pastoral associates in parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago before the policies on certification were enacted, but without the scope of background called for in the Criteria for Eligibility.

See “Pastoral Associate Certification” handbook for further information.