

New Pastors Program

Join this five-day conference designed exclusively for New Pastors and Priests Soon-to-Be Pastors. A robust agenda will prepare participants for the new experience of parish leadership. It also provides an opportunity to network with other priests who are taking their first steps into parish administration.

Conference topics include:

- Spirituality of the Pastor
- Stress: Physical and Spiritual Self-Care
- Canonical Role of the Pastor
- Budget and Finance I
- Budget and Finance II
- Pastoring More Than One Parish
- Physical Plant Audit and Responsibilities
- Balancing Pastoral and Administrative Responsibilities
- Pastoral and Finance Councils & Conflict Resolution
- Stewardship and Fundraising
- Documentary Responsibilities
- Parish Staffs and Personnel Management
- Pastoring with a School
- Male and Female Created
- Civil Law and Pastoral Administration
- Parish Communications: Website, Bulletin, Members, Parents, Social Media
- Transition into the Parish
- Peter: A Transformed Shepherd

Daily Mass, morning and evening prayer, Adoration, social time and open forum are scheduled.

PRIEST-DIRECTOR



Msgr. Roger E. McGrath, Ph.D.

Ordained in 1971 for the Diocese of Camden, Msgr. McGrath served in parish ministry, seminary formation and diocesan administration, including Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Religious Education and director of the offices of pastoral planning, communications, evangelization and development.

With a doctorate in systematic theology from Notre Dame, he also taught and was vice rector at St. Mary's Seminary and University. He later was vice rector at Theological College.

He returned to Camden to serve as pastor, vicar general and moderator of the curia before retiring in 2019.

REGISTRATION DETAILS



Date **Monday – Friday, Nov. 2–6, 2026**
 Time **8:30 a.m. Monday arrival, 11 a.m. Friday departure**
 Cost **\$1,550** (includes all class materials, room stay and meals)
 All registrations and payments are made online.

LOCATION

Center for Continuing Formation
 St. Mary's Seminary & University
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Registration Deadline: Monday, October 19, 2026

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