



GMLP Program 2026

Retreat dates and venues

Thursday 21 – Sunday 24 May 2026

Glen Erin at Lancefield,
200 Rochford Rd,
Lancefield VIC

Thursday 12 – Sunday 15

November 2026

Victoria (venue to be confirmed).

Cost

\$6,000 (+GST)

Academic leads

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Governance Ministry Leadership Program

Developed for both canonical trustees and civil directors working for Catholic ministries, the Governance Ministry Leadership Program (GMLP) is designed to equip participants with the theological, ethical, ecclesiological, canonical and strategic frameworks necessary for effective governance.

By bridging personal calling and organisational mission, the program empowers leaders to navigate complexities, uphold their ministries' charisms, and shape a future grounded in faith, purpose and stewardship aligned with governance best practices.

Based on the latest research, the GMLP provides a distinct opportunity for leadership formation in Catholic and Christian organisations, fostering collaboration through retreats, online sessions and reflexive integration activities.

All program costs, including overnight accommodation and meals, are included in the program fee.

THEMES

Themes explored will include:

- Faith and culture
- Social ethics
- Christian anthropology
- Ecclesiology and canon law
- Vocation, freedom and responsibility
- Spirituality, charisms and reflective practices
- Theology of suffering
- Group discernment, decision making and emotional intelligence
- Catholic social teaching and 'for purpose' organisations
- Sociological and theological perspectives on power, leadership and authority.

To express interest
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