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*Live a life worthy of the calling  
you have received.*”  
—Ephesians 4:1

The **M.A. in Pastoral Ministry** can further the knowledge, skills, and vocation of those interested in:

- General Pastoral Care
- Catechetics and Family Life
- Youth Ministry
- Ministry to Shut-ins and the Aging and Bereaved
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Prison Ministry
- Church Administration

### **M.A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- A bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the undergraduate major.
- Official undergraduate/graduate transcripts.
- Minimum of two years experience in ministry, paid or volunteer.
- Three letters of recommendation: from a pastor, religious superior, supervisor, someone familiar with the applicant's work history, or a colleague.
- A 550-word, typed essay addressing one's hopes for working toward the advancement of the Reign of God, vision of and aspirations for ministry in the Church, and reasons for enrolling in the program.



### **STUDENT-CENTERED PROGRAMS**

**Convenient.** Weekends and independent study allow busy adults to complete the program. The campus is centrally located in suburban Caldwell, NJ, on a 70-acre wooded campus with ample parking. The College is accessible from major roadways and by bus service from Newark and New York City—only 20 miles away.

**Caring.** The hallmark of a Caldwell College education is small classes, individual attention, and a faculty and staff committed to their students.

**Useful.** The M.A. in Pastoral Ministry earns high marks from its students:

*“This program has provided me with both the theological background I needed and very practical information. I have never attended a class without receiving something I could use immediately.”*

*“A special attribute was ample time over the course of the program for me to assimilate new knowledge and perspectives and therefore adapt my world-view in significant ways.”*

*“The experience...provided the prayer and caring and support of some wonderful people.”*

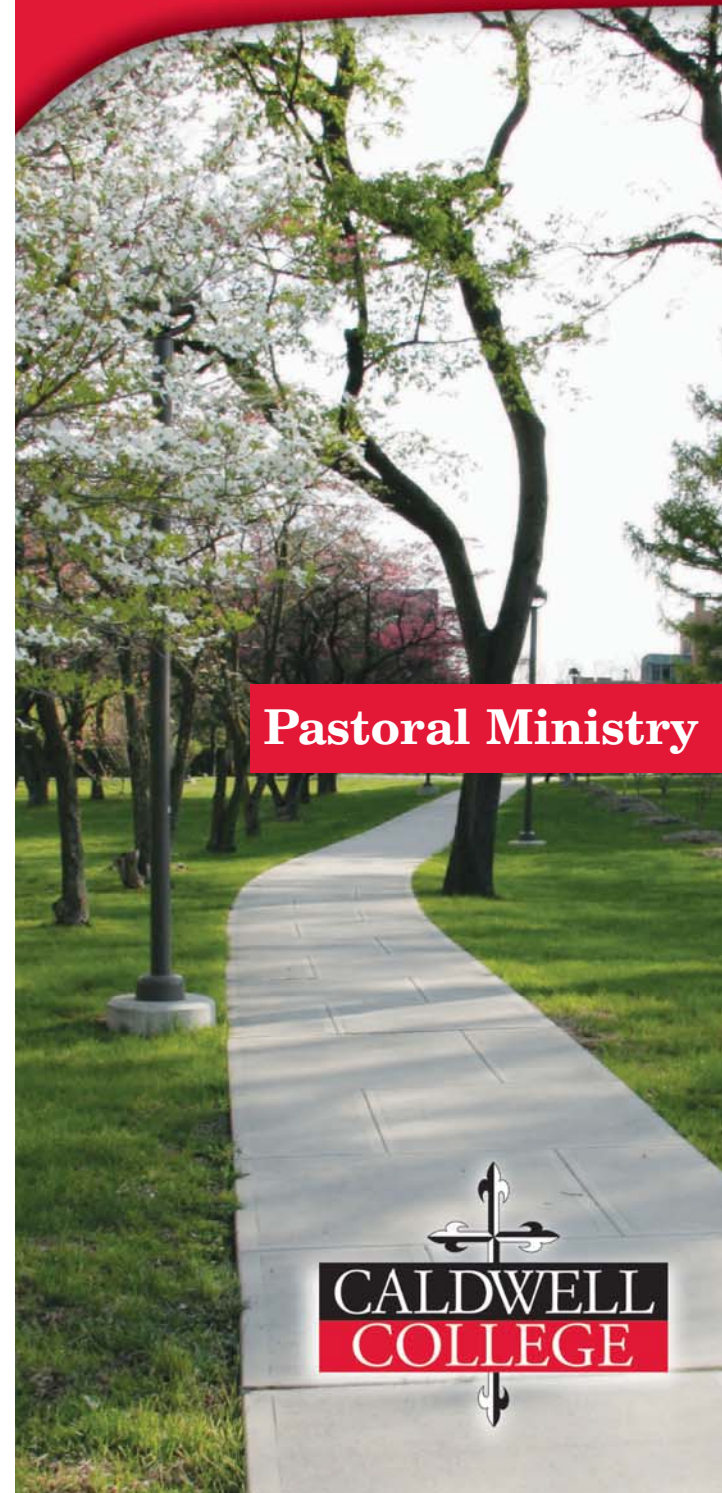
**Professional.** Taught by College faculty from the Theology and Philosophy Department and select, qualified adjunct faculty who bring their professional experience into the classroom. The program's Advisory Board consists of notable area clergy, religious education coordinators, and program alumni.

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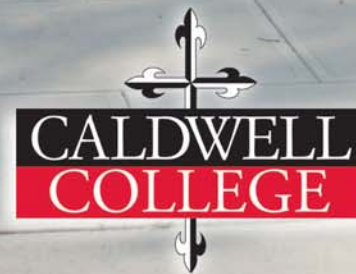


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*Masters of Arts in...*



**Pastoral Ministry**





## OUR MISSION

Founded in 1939 by the Sisters of St. Dominic, Caldwell College is built upon a heritage of eight centuries of Catholic Dominican commitment to quality higher learning—bringing a torch to light the world.

The College stands ready and eager to meet the educational needs of those in the Roman Catholic Church and others who desire expertise and credentials in Christian theology and pastoral care.

In this new millennium, the Church needs and deserves thoughtful, inspired and well educated leadership from the men and women who participate in the life of the Church, whether lay or religious, ordained or non-ordained. These ministers require theological knowledge to understand and carry out their duties competently and confidently. They also require well developed pastoral skills in order to exercise clear and compassionate leadership.

## YOUR RESULTS

Former students currently serve as pastoral associates, religious education coordinators, liturgical ministers, health care chaplains, and social justice coordinators. One graduate currently serves as Chancellor of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C; another is editor of *Ministry and Liturgy* magazine. Some graduates continue in their former ministries, and some remain in other fields, volunteering as ministers until new opportunities arise.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The M.A. in Pastoral Ministry is a 36-credit program that combines a solid academic foundation in fundamental Catholic theology with practical approaches to pastoral care. The program is designed to accommodate working adults. Students come to campus six Saturdays in the Fall & Spring semesters, two week-ends during the January term, with an option for a course offering in May-June. Included are six credits of guided independent study in two summer sessions, and evening courses may be offered.

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

- PM 105 Issues in Ecclesiology (3 credits)
- PM 512 Organizing as Ministry (2)
- PM 520 Old Testament Survey (3)
- PM 522 The Synoptic Gospels (3)
- PM 599 Guided Readings (3)
- PM 617 Psychological Aspects of Ministry (3)
- PM 622 Nonprofit Law, Governance and Financial Management (3)
- PM 628 Marketing, Public Relations and Administration in Nonprofit Organizations (3)
- PM 630 Theological Foundations (3)
- PM 640 Liturgy in a Developing Church (3)
- PM 650 Sacramental Theology (3)
- PM 662 Ministry for Youth (1)
- PM 664 Ministry to the Grieving (1)
- PM 699 M.A. Project (3)
- PM 721 Catechetical: Forming the Faith of the Community (3)
- PM 760 Common Good, Uncommon Questions: Moral Issues (3)
- PM 786 When the Laity Preach and Preside (2)

## COMBINED B.A./M.A. PROGRAM

Undergraduates pursuing a B.A. in theology who have at least 60 credits and a minimum 3.3 overall GPA may apply for the combined B.A./M.A. program. In this program, four graduate Pastoral Ministry courses substitute for four upper-level undergraduate Theology courses, and apply to both degrees, shortening the time to the M.A. Undergraduate tuition rates apply until the B.A. is earned.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Application material is available from the Office of Graduate Studies or on-line at [www.caldwell.edu/graduate](http://www.caldwell.edu/graduate). Apply by fax, mail, in person, or on-line.

Please check our website or call the Office of Graduate Studies for current tuition pricing. Tuition discounts are available to certain groups, in particular to those actively involved in the work of pastoral ministry, paid or volunteer, in a church-related institution and to those in the Dominican and other orders. Other tuition discounts may apply, for example to Caldwell College alumni and area residents. Some student loans are available to qualifying applicants; contact the Financial Aid Office at (973) 618-3222 early in your planning process. A limited number of competitive graduate research assistantships are available.

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