



## **ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE**

### ***St. Mary's Launches a Doctor of Ministry Program***

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BALTIMORE— St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute is pleased to announce that it is launching a Doctor of Ministry degree in fall 2019. The program is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (the ATS is the gold standard in seminary accreditation) and approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

The Doctor of Ministry is an advanced professional degree suitable for students with significant ministry experience who already hold the Master of Divinity or its educational equivalent. The curriculum includes six courses taught in intensive formats, three research modules, and the completion of a substantial research project. Courses are taught by faculty with substantial research, teaching and ministry experience. The program is designed to be completed in three years, has rolling admissions, and is competitively priced.

Directing the Doctor of Ministry program is the Rev. Jason A. Poling, D.Min., a 2007 graduate of St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (Master of Arts in Theology) and a pastor with over 20 years of experience in nondenominational churches and in the Episcopal Church.

St. Mary's Seminary & University is the first Roman Catholic seminary in the United States. Through St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, its evening and Saturday division, St. Mary's offers fully accredited graduate theological education to qualified women and men.

Prospective students interested in more information on the Doctor of Ministry program can contact Kaye Guidugli, Director of Recruitment and Advancement, at [kguidugli@stmarys.edu](mailto:kguidugli@stmarys.edu) or 410-864-4203.

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