

Want to hear more?

- **Contact your pastor or the chair of your pastoral council for an application form. The form should be completed and returned to your parish.**
- **Plan to attend an information meeting in your parish or speak to a former Nathanaelite.**
- **You may also contact:
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More from participants:

“...As a grandmother, life experiences have greatly changed my childish views.

Nathanael has challenged me to stretch physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually out of my comfort zone. I have discovered the Gospel as an invitation requiring an R.S.V.P. every moment of every day. Jesus is waiting for me to live out His Way in my daily mess.”

“Come and see” was Philip’s invitation to Nathanael. This was my attitude upon entering the Nathanael program. Ah, oh, what we have seen! And how much more we have left to discover! The Nathanael program has been a blessing in so many ways, not the least of which is an appreciation of our diocese as a community.”



“My Nathanael community has become like an extended family to me. As we have journeyed together, we have grown in so many ways. Each component has been enthusiastically presented with an awareness of the diversity.”

“... Nathanael may be dangerous!... Your concept of your God, your church and yourself will be challenged. If you have an openness to new concepts, a strong hunger to discover your faith, and time to travel on a journey, this may be for you... Bon voyage!”

Nathanael Formation Process

**An opportunity to deepen
one’s Christian faith**



**Offered by the
Archdiocese of Winnipeg**



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Lay Ministers

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Today, Christians are deeply moved by God to follow Christ in a special way. Like the apostles, these people do not totally abandon their roles as labourers in the secular world, but they join their activities with an added commitment to follow Jesus in the world and within His Church. They are called to minister in their daily lives in the same way that Jesus did, that is, to have a heart of love and to bring the Good News of the God's love to others, both in word and in deed.

For whom is this Nathanael Formation?

We all search to better ourselves. We all wish to give meaning to our lives. We all have questions regarding our faith. We all desire to pray. We want to participate in the Church's mission to serve and make our world a better place in which to live.

What is the Nathanael Formation?

Each of us has a divine mission and purpose in this life. We inherently have a real desire to know, experience and deepen our relationship with God. We want to know, "Who is God and how is God working in my life?" and "What is God's plan for me?" Nathanael is a Lay Ministry Formation Process that provides an environment in which these many questions are addressed.

An integrated process

The formation process is designed to be incorporated into the everyday lives of men and women of faith, whether married or single. It is an integrated process of personal, spiritual, pastoral and theological growth which takes three years to complete.

Each Nathanael group meets for one weekend per month from September to June during the three years.

Cost of the process

Most of the cost of Nathanael is supported by the diocese. The parish also participates and the candidates are responsible for their personal expenses and books (less than \$100 per year).

Testimonies

"Sixty days of Nathanael: probably the most meaningful, worthwhile 60 days of my life."

"The Nathanael process is for faith, what VIGERO is for the garden! It makes faith grow and bloom."

"Rediscovering my soul and loving every minute of it."

"I have a sense of belonging that I never had before."

"The Catholic Church is evolving continually; Nathanael provided a forum to learn together about current trends."

"There is no other place to experience such a well rounded growth in our faith while continuing to live and serve in our own parishes."

"I have gained a spirituality of 'everydayness' and of 'now'! My spirituality encompasses everything I do, responding to the Spirit whether I am praying, peeling potatoes or sleeping."



All are called:

The Church needs all the baptised to achieve its mission in the world. It is not only the responsibility of the clergy and the religious. Come and discover how your gifts are essential to assure Jesus's message reaches the modern world.