



# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT



Transform the way you lead and serve the church in an increasingly complex world. The Master of Science in Church Management (MSCM) is an innovative, two-year online graduate business program that provides a high-level skill set in church management. Built upon two foundational elements—a solid business curriculum and a faith-based approach to church management—each course is meticulously designed for current and future Christian church leaders. Whether you are a church leader looking for increased management expertise or a volunteer looking to apply your skills in the church, a Master of Science in Church Management from Villanova University helps you bridge mission and management. If you are interested in strengthening your ability to contribute to the church's mission, **the MSCM is the degree for you.**



Combining our expertise in business with our deep understanding and appreciation of our Augustinian Catholic values allows us to provide a rich education that helps church leaders become excellent stewards and talented managers to build a more effective ministry.

**Wen Mao, PhD**

The Helen and William O'Toole Dean  
Villanova School of Business

## MSCM CURRICULUM

The 30-credit MSCM curriculum is designed to be completed part-time in just 24 months, and includes:

**MSCM 8510:** Leadership, Ethics, and Catholic Social Thought

**MSCM 8625:** Organizational Management

**MSCM 8520:** Civil and Church Law

**MSCM 8630:** Information Technology in Ministry

**MSCM 8610:** Stewardship and Development

**MSCM 8635:** Ecclesiology and Church History

**MSCM 8615:** Financial Reporting and Controls

**MSCM 8640:** Church Security and Facilities

**MSCM 8620:** Human Resource Management in a Ministry Setting

**MSCM 8650:** Pastoral Strategic Planning

## YOU'LL MASTER 4 CORE COMPETENCIES

In less than two years, build a network of peers and gain the following cutting-edge competencies:

### LEADING

Mission-Driven Churches

Individuals and Groups

Organizational Culture

### ORGANIZING

Human Resources

Structures and Relationships

Advisory Councils and Boards

### PLANNING

Pastoral Priorities and Strategies

Technology and Data

Canon and Civil Law Compliance

### STEWARDING

Budgets and Financials

Transparent Information

Facilities and Risk

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WHO SHOULD APPLY TO THE MSCM PROGRAM?**

The MSCM is designed to meet the needs of an international student body of church leaders and managers of all Christian faiths—including pastors and pastoral associates, parish business managers, directors of diocesan departments, leaders of religious order and those who manage social service ministries. It is ideal for professionals who work full-time and cannot leave their ministry to pursue full-time study.

## **WHEN DO CLASSES MEET?**

The program begins in May with online classes. There is a mandatory one-week in-person residency on the Villanova University campus during early June. After the residency, all remaining MSCM courses are provided online, enabling you to attend all classes without leaving your home or office.

## **WHAT IS REQUIRED TO APPLY?**

Admission is based on experience, letters of recommendation and a personal essay. Undergraduate transcripts are required. All students with transcripts from an academic institution outside the United States will need to submit a professional credentials analysis. All students need a 3.0 GPA in their MSCM courses to graduate.

## **WHY VILLANOVA?**

The Villanova School of Business is home to the world's first Center for Church Management. Founded in 2004, the Center for Church Management is a global resource for church management knowledge, dedicated to helping Christian faith-based organizations through education and research.

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT**

Tuition for the 30-credit Masters of Science in Church Management at \$980/credit is \$29,400. However, every student enrolled in the MSCM receives some level of scholarship support.

## **VILLANOVA SCHOLARSHIP**

Qualified ministers and employees of Christian churches automatically receive a **\$7,350 (25%) scholarship** from the Villanova School of Business. Earn your Master's in Church Management for just **\$22,050**.

### **ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Financial aid is available through the Villanova University Office of Financial Assistance. Benefactors of the Center for Church Management have generously allowed us to offer additional scholarships for merit-based awards. **Contact Chesley Turner at [chesley.turner@villanova.edu](mailto:chesley.turner@villanova.edu) for more information.**

## **APPLY TODAY!**

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