If in-depth study is what you are after, EfM, or Education for Ministry, is an excellent program of study. The EfM program is designed to help Christians prepare for their ministry—the ministry for which we pray at the end of the communion service: "And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

EFM is a program that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity. All baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's ministry, and this program helps prepare one to think theologically. The group meets for exploration of Scripture, Church history, and ethics. It requires a commitment to meet weekly for much of the school year, as you work as part of a seminar group.

The program has two tracks—a four-year in-depth study and a one-year Wide Angle overview. Both teach the skill and value of theological reflection to see God's work in the world.
The classic four-year program has a dedicated focus each year:
Year One - Old Testament
Year Two - New Testament
Year Three - Church History
Year Four - Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Encounter
The one-year Wide-Angle overview studies a bit of all those topics.

St. Francis hopes to gather a group for EfM beginning in September 2025.
For more information about EfM, see their website at The University of the South, Sewanee **here**. To find more about St. Francis' seminar group, call or email the church office.

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