

Program Overview

The Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program for those in ministry with youth, ages 11 to 18, in both parish and school settings. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth.

The program includes eight courses. Its primary aim is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. The program can be utilized in a number of ways:

- as a workshop series taken on a course-by-course basis by volunteer leaders
- as an integrated formation program leading to a *Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies*
- as an enrichment or continuing education program for veteran leaders

Benefits

Participating leaders will experience the following benefits:

Confidence. Participants feel more confident in their youth ministry role because they have integrated and applied the most recent and innovative theory and approaches into their own setting and responsibilities.

Competence. The comprehensive sequence of courses provides a solid foundation of theory, theology and practical approaches, which can be applied in any parish or school youth ministry setting.

Credibility. This is a nationally recognized curriculum, offered in over 30 sites and spon-

Site and Schedule

All courses will be offered at the St. Joseph Center (600 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids). The schedule for the courses is: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration and Requirements

- The fee for each course is \$175/person. This amount includes tuition, books, materials, and refreshments.
- The group rate is \$325 for two to five people.
- For those participants seeking certification, a one-time graduation fee of \$25.00 will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments.
- Overnight lodging is available at the St. Henry Spirituality Center, on the diocesan campus, for an additional cost.
- *There will be a \$50.00 cancellation fee imposed to all cancellations made 14 days prior to the course date, pending circumstances.*

Credit Information (if applicable)

Under-graduate credit is available for participants of the program through Aquinas College.



The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

Founded in 1978, the *Center for Ministry Development* is a non-profit organization that provides leadership training, consultation, resources, and program services in the areas of youth ministry, young adult ministry, family ministry and religious education. The *Center for Ministry Development* has been providing youth

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

The most comprehensive Catholic youth ministry training program in North America

*Presented by
The Center for Ministry Development*

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Youth Ministry Studies

Year One Courses

Principles of Youth Ministry presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing an effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents. It examines the dynamics of promoting healthy adolescent development and faith growth. It presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for developing comprehensive youth ministry.

Practices of Youth Ministry explores the development of comprehensive youth ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community. Rooted in a theological and pastoral vision of community life, this course develops foundational understandings that will assist leaders in setting and implementing a vision for dynamic ministry with youth.

Foundations for Ministry Leadership explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants learn how to empower individuals and teams of leaders for ministry with youth.

Skills for Christian Leadership addresses the theories and skills needed for principle centered leadership in ministry. Participants develop a practical, working understanding of leadership process and skills and the experiential ability to use the skills. The course stresses the application of leadership skills to various ministry settings, problems, and issues.

(Dates to be determined for 2006-2007)

Questions: Contact Mark Mann at
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by phone at 616-243-0491.

Youth Ministry Studies

Year Two Courses

Evangelization and Catechesis develops the foundations and practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity in young and older adolescents. Participants explore a variety of ways to learn of and from Jesus, and how to promote a living relationship with Jesus in the lives of adolescents. Participants experience and analyze the "postmodern" culture. They learn creative approaches for evangelization and catechesis.

Pastoral Care explores the principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and their families. The goal is two-fold: (a) it aims to promote healthy adolescent development from a pastoral care perspective and (b) to develop preventative interventions for families with adolescents.

Justice and Service explores the foundations for fostering a justice and service consciousness and spirituality in youth drawn from: Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, adolescent development, and contemporary catechetical principles. The course develops skills for creating integrated, action-learning models for the justice and service component of a comprehensive youth ministry.

Prayer and Worship investigates the foundational role that prayer and worship have in fostering the spiritual growth of youth. Participants develop understandings and practical skills necessary for: (a) preparing liturgy and worship experiences, (b) fostering the prayer life of youth and preparing prayer services, and (c) designing youth retreat experiences.

Evangelization & Catechesis
November 12-13, 2005
Elena Cardena

Pastoral Care
January 7-8, 2006
Carolyn Coll, RSM

Justice and Service
March 4-5, 2006
Joan Weber

Prayer and Worship
April 29-30, 2006
Tom East

Youth Ministry Studies Registration Form 2005-2006 Year Two Courses

Sign up for: *Please check all that apply*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization & Catechesis | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Course- Individual- \$175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care | <input type="checkbox"/> All 4 Courses- Individual- \$700 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justice and Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Course- Team- \$325 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer and Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> All 4 Courses- Team- \$1300 |

Name _____

Parish _____

Address _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____

Alt. Phone _____

- Taking courses for academic credit (application forms available upon request)

*Overnight Accommodations available at St. Henry Spirituality & Ministry Center
Cost is \$30.00/night for single room or \$39.00/night for a double room.*

- Yes, I would like overnight accommodations at St. Henry Center for Saturday Night
- \$30 single room \$39 double room

Method of Payment

- Check Enclosed- *Make checks payable to: Diocese of Grand Rapids*
- Invoice Parish- *Please include Parish Address & Contact Name*

Total: _____

Parish Address/ Contact Name- *if different from above*

Send Registration Form & Payment to:
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