

Purpose

The Office of Youth and Ministry offers this Basic Formation in Catholic Youth Ministry program to enable entry level ministers who work with adolescents to implement programming based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) renewed vision of youth ministry. It also serves as a renewal of skills or continuing formation for the seasoned youth leader, or can give him/her the opportunity to participate in a training experience with the parish youth ministry team.

Where

Courses are offered at the Pastoral Center. If you are interested in hosting the course at your parish or deanery, please call the Office of Youth Ministry.

Cost

\$10.00 per person per class covers the course materials.

Call the Office of Youth Ministry or email to sign up!

“We have learned that it takes the entire Church to achieve the three goals we have established for ministry with adolescents.”

**USCCB,
Renewing the Vision: A
Framework for Catholic
Youth Ministry, 1997.**



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Other Training Opportunities

“HOW TO” SESSIONS

This is a series of 2 hour sessions offered during the year throughout the deaneries that focuses on practical applications of youth ministry and administration skills. Watch the Newsnotes for time, date, and topic.

NEEDS BASED TRAINING

Any parish youth ministry that would like formation in a specific area of youth ministry may call to arrange specialized trainings.

LIABILITY ISSUES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

A session designed for parish or deanery youth ministry leadership, pastoral and finance councils, youth ministry volunteers, DREs and catechists that enables participants to feel more comfortable in ministry settings and to understand the consequences of ministry decisions. Call OYM for more information.

CYO COACHES CERTIFICATION

The Office of Youth Ministry facilitates CYO coach certification. This is required in order to participate in the sports programming. This training provides a comprehensive approach to the ministry of coaching in the CYO sports program. Call for more information.

CONSULTATIONS

The Office of Youth Ministry staff offers consultation in the hiring of Coordinators of Youth Ministry and the evaluation and organization of ministry to and with youth in a parish setting. Please call OYM for more information



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Heart of who
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Session Topics

Understanding Youth Ministry

How do you understand today's youth? Can you identify and translate your hopes and dreams into a thriving youth ministry in your parish? In this workshop we will explore how to express our vision of the goals and identify the key elements for a comprehensive approach to ministry with youth.

Working with Families and the Community

How do you understand and utilize the external communities in which adolescents live to create more effective youth ministry programs? In this workshop we will explore ways to partner with families to integrate youth ministry with family life AND how to utilize community resources to enhance parish youth ministry programs.

Growing in Ministry with Youth

How do you, as a youth minister, develop your innate talents and nourish your spirituality? In this workshop we will explore the qualities of an adult in ministry with youth, identify their personal gifts and strengths, and learn how to plan for their own spiritual support and future personal growth.

Planning Youth Ministry Programs

How do you plan for a successful youth program? In this workshop we will explore how to identify the elements of a successful youth ministry program plan, learn how to design a program, and recognize and connect to available resources in the parish and civic communities.

Understanding Youth

How do you meet the needs of young and older adolescents? In this workshop we will explore the role of adult leaders working with youth, identify the nature and needs of adolescent age groups, and learn how to utilize strategies and skills to effectively respond to their needs.

Working with Groups

How do you know you have a successful, well-developed youth group? In this workshop we will

develop an understanding of the dynamics of how a group works, identify appropriate leadership styles, and utilize communication skills for becoming a more attentive listener.

Building Community with Youth

How do you utilize community-building as an integral dimension of youth ministry? In this workshop we will explore elements and strategies that will help build community with youth **and** engage youth in the parish community.

Evangelizing Youth

How do you discover your own gifts for telling the Good News and prepare dynamic programs for youth? In this workshop we will explore ways to assess current successful evangelization efforts and study ways to create new programs that show youth the joy of their faith.

Facilitating Learning with Youth

How do you maximize youth learning? In this workshop we will explore specific ways to help youth learn by identifying tools to take a learning session for young people and make it more dynamic and experiential.

Empowering Youth for Justice and Service

How do you instill a sense of justice and service in today's youth? In this workshop we will explore a contemporary faith perspective on justice and identify how service benefits both young people and the local community. We will also list the necessary components of effective service programming and how to enrich and expand on existing justice and service programs in the parish and school.

Celebrating Liturgy with Youth

How do you articulate God's presence as Good News in adolescent life? In this workshop we will explore how to connect God's loving message with the lives of young people and implement evangelization and outreach strategies for them.

Praying With Youth

How do you bring teenagers to understand the importance of having a prayerful life? In this workshop we will explore the personal approach to prayer. We will also discuss important principles for preparing prayer for and with teenagers, as well as learn how to apply the steps of a prayer preparation process.

Class Dates and Topics for 2011-2012

Sept. 10 -

Understanding Youth Ministry

Working with Families and Communities

Oct. 15 -

Growing in Ministry with Youth

Planning Youth Ministry Programs

Nov. 12 -

Understanding Youth

Working With Groups

Jan. 14 -

Building Community with Youth

Evangelizing Youth

Mar. 10 -

Facilitating Learning with Youth

Empowering Youth for Justice & Service

April 14 -

Celebrating Liturgy with Youth

Praying with Youth

These courses will take place at the

Pastoral Center on Saturdays from

8:30am-12:30pm.