

**How has the certificate program assisted you in youth ministry?**

*So much of what was given to us in the Youth Ministry Training is cross training and can be used in so many different areas of ministry, both in the church and in civic society. It is invaluable. Lee*

*I don't think I would still be here without the experience, education and networking I received through the CMD. Each weekend prepares you for a different aspect of ministry, some you haven't even thought of. A lot of the projects and ideas presented during the weekends have helped me in retreat, leadership and curriculum development. Julie*

*I plan my year on a Comprehensive Youth Ministry Grid which I received at the classes many years ago. This helps me to keep a balance on the Eight Components of youth ministry, gathered and non-gathered teachings. To this day I pull out my notebooks to look up information for Youth Ministry. The most valuable tool I was given and taught about is "Renewing the Vision. Cindy*

*The course of study gave me a firm foundation of the fundamentals of Youth Ministry and taught me how to be a well-rounded minister. I became keenly aware that Youth Ministry was so, so much more than just Religion Class or Gym Time. I learned that Youth Ministry has to be an all encompassing ministry that tries to address all the spiritual needs of the youth of the parish, the youth of all ages. Debbie*

**Program Overview**

The Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Center for Ministry Development offer a two year education program for adults in ministry with youth. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth. This program has been designed for persons involved professionally or as volunteers with younger (age 10-14) or older (age 14-19) adolescents in a parish or school setting.

The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. Courses in the first year cover youth ministry principles, practices, leadership theory, and leadership skills. The second year focuses on fostering the faith growth of youth through evangelization and catechesis, prayer and worship, justice and service, and pastoral care.

**Details**

Location: Wellspring Retreat Center, 3595 Horton Priess Rd, Blanco, TX 78606  
Schedule: Courses will begin on Saturday at 9am and conclude by 4pm on Sunday. Make plans to stay during this time as full attendance is required. Lodging is available Friday evening. Sunday Mass will be celebrated for course participants.

**Certificate Cost**

The fee for each course is \$175.00. This includes registration, textbooks, lodging and food. Discounts are available for religious, YM teams, and when paying in full. Priests may attend free of charge. A one time graduation fee will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments. These courses are eligible for assistance through the Lay Ministry Formation Fund, please apply [www.archsa.org/lmff](http://www.archsa.org/lmff)

Archdiocese of San Antonio



**The National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies**

**Youth is the HEART of who we are**

The Certificate Program is designed for:

- Coordinators of Parish Youth Ministry
- Directors of Religious Education
- High School Campus Ministers or Chaplains
- High School Catechists and Religion Teachers
- Youth Ministry Volunteers
- Prospective Youth Ministers
- Pastors & Parochial Vicars

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## Course Overview

### Cycle 1 Courses 2012-2013

#### Principles of Youth Ministry— June 23-24, 2012

Principles of Youth Ministry presents the foundational understanding and principles for developing effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents.

#### Practices of Youth Ministry— September 8-9, 2012

Practices of Youth Ministry explores the development of comprehensive youth ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community.

#### Foundations for Ministry Leadership— November 3-4, 2012

Foundations for Ministry Leadership explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry.

#### Skills for Christian Leadership— March 2-3, 2013

Skills for Christian Leadership addresses the theories and skills needed for principle-centered leadership in ministry.



### Cycle 2 Courses 2013-2014

#### Prayer & Worship—Date TBA

Prayer & Worship investigates the foundational role that Christian worship and sacraments have in fostering the spiritual growth of youth.

#### Pastoral Care—Date TBA

Pastoral Care explores the principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and their families.

#### Justice & Service—Date TBA

Justice & 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.

#### Evangelization & Catechesis—Date TBA

Evangelization & Catechesis explores the foundations of nurturing young and older adolescent faith development and Catholic identity through an integrated approach to faith formation which incorporates teaching, prayer and liturgy, community life, and justice and service within ministry with adolescents.



## Program 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, sponsored by nearly 30 dioceses, whose graduates are in parish, school and diocesan leadership positions all over the country.

## Course Sequence

The curriculum is based on a developmental learning process. It is recommended, but not necessary, that those enrolled in the entire Certificate Program take the courses in sequence.

## Credit Information

Graduate credit is available for participants of the Certificate program through the University of the Incarnate Word. The program, taken in its entirety, will satisfy the requirements for Level 3 catechetical certification from the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

## Registration

Download a registration form  
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