

January 8 – 9, 2011

Course: Foundations of Ministry

Leadership explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants will explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants will also learn how to empower individuals and teams of leaders for ministry with youth. The course combines theory presentation with experiential learning as participants explore (a) leadership theory and an assessment of styles for effective leadership; (b) theological and pastoral foundations for understanding leadership and empowerment; and (c) processes and tools for inviting, preparing and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 2 hours of theological content and 12 hours of methodology

Instructor: Patrick Donovan (M.A. in Theology; Certificate in Advanced Ministry Studies) is the Executive Director for the Office for Catholic Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Wilmington, DE. He has authored four books about using modern movies to teach

March 19 – 20, 2011

Course: Skills for Christian Leadership

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

For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 1 hour of theological content and 13 hours of methodology

Instructor: Ann Marie Eckert (M.A. in Pastoral Ministry) is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for the Center for Ministry Development. She has over 10 years experience in diocesan ministry and has authored and contributed to a number of books.

Registration and Requirements

- * Course fee is assessed per course. Each course is \$185 per person or \$350 for parish teams of two to five people. Fee includes tuition, books & materials.
- * *Cancellation fee of \$50/individual;\$100/team imposed to all cancellations made within 30 days prior to course date.*
- * Meals will be available on-site for an additional cost.
- * All courses will be held at Aquinas College, 1607 Robison Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI.
- * Daily schedule for all courses is 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday AND 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- * Please contact Lisa Irwin for information regarding overnight accommodations
- * For those seeking certification, a one-time graduation fee of \$25.00 will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments.

Credit Information (if applicable)

Undergraduate credit is available through Aquinas College. Graduate credit is available through Saint Meinrad School of Theology. Contact Lisa Irwin for details.

The Center for Ministry Development:

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 ministry leadership training through the certificate program since 1979.

Year Two Course Titles

- Pastoral Care
- Evangelization & Catechesis
- Justice & Service
- Prayer & Worship

(Dates to be determined for 2011– 2012)

The Office of Evangelization,
Catechesis & Initiation
invites you to participate in

**The Certificate in
Youth Ministry
Studies Program**

2010-2011

A flexible and practical training
series for those who minister to
middle school and high school youth
in parish and school settings.

**Sponsored by
The Diocese of Kalamazoo
and
The Diocese of Grand Rapids**

**In partnership with
Aquinas College**

**Presented by
The Center for Ministry Development**

**Youth Ministry Studies Registration Form
2010/2011**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Work Phone (_____) _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Email: _____

Parish _____

Please check all that apply:

Course(s):

- Principles of Youth Ministry
 Practices of Youth Ministry
 Foundations for Min. Leadership
 Skills for Christian Ministry
 All four courses

Category:

- Single course – individual - \$185
 All 4 courses – individual - \$ 740
 Single course – parish team of 2 – 5 - \$350
 All 4 courses – parish team of 2 – 5 - \$1400
 Academic credit (forms available upon request)

Registration Deadline: Sept. 7, 2010.

Please note: A minimum of 20 registrations per weekend is necessary for the series to be offered.

Please consult Lisa Irwin if registering after 9/7/2010.

Payment enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: *Diocese of Kalamazoo*

Overnight Accommodations

I would like information about overnight accommodations

Send registration form & payment to:

Diocese of Kalamazoo, ECI Office
215 N. Westnedge Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

For more information, contact: Lisa Irwin
(269) 903-0177 or lirwin@dioceseofkalamazoo.org

Overview

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

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, which can be applied in any parish or school youth ministry setting.

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 sponsored by over 50 dioceses, whose graduates are in parish, school, and diocesan leadership positions all over the country.

Year One Courses
Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

October 9-10, 2010

Course: Principles of Youth Ministry

presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents. It presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for developing youth ministry which incorporates developmentally appropriate youth programming, strengthens family life, involves young people as integral members of the faith community, and collaborates with civic organizations in a common effort to promote positive youth development.

For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 3 hours of theological content and 11 hours of methodology

Instructor: Sean Lansing (MA in Pastoral Studies) is a coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for the Center for Ministry Development. Since 1997 he has served as part of the adjunct staff for CMD in the *Young Neighbors in Action* program.

December 4-5, 2010

Course: 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. This will include skills for advocacy, planning and organizing youth ministry efforts. Methods for collaborative leadership among ministries and within ministry teams will also be developed.

For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 1 hour of theological content and 13 hours of methodology

Instructor: Deacon John Ashmore (MA in Pastoral Studies; Certificate of Advanced Studies in Youth Ministry) is an ordained Deacon with over 20 years in parish youth ministry. He also has extensive experience on the diocesan level. He serves as part of the adjunct staff for CMD in the *Young Neighbors in Action* program.