

## **Course: Foundations of Ministry**

**Leadership** explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Content includes current leadership concepts and approaches, Christian perspectives on leadership and empowering 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.

**February 21-22, 2009**

**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.

## **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.

**April 25 -26, 2009**

**Instructor: Dennis Mahaney** (M. Div. and MA in Religious Ed.) serves as pastoral associate at Our Lady Help of Christians, Newton, MA. Previously he was the Director of the St. John Eudes Center where he specialized in parish vitality, leadership development, and ministry formation. He also has diocesan and parish youth and young adult ministry experience. Dennis also serves as an adjunct for CMD's Young Neighbors in Action program.

### **Year Two Course Titles**

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

(Dates to be determined for 2009– 2010)

## **Registration and Requirements**

- \* Course fee is assessed per course. Each course is \$175 per person or \$325 for parish teams of two to five people. Fee includes tuition, books and materials.
- \* Please register one month prior to the course date to ensure your spot.
- \* ***There will be a \$50.00 cancellation fee imposed to all cancellations made 14 days prior to the 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.

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

## **The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies Program**

**2008-2009**

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**

## Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: (please check)

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual courses

\_\_\_\_\_ Principles of Youth Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Practices of Youth Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Foundations for Min. Leadership

\_\_\_\_\_ Skills for Christian Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Completing all eight courses for a

\_\_\_\_\_ Certificate in Youth Ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Information (if applicable)

Payment enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual = \$175

\_\_\_\_\_ Group (2 – 5 from parish) = \$325

\_\_\_\_\_ I will need housing (extra fee)

### Send registration form & payment to:

Diocese of Kalamazoo, ECI Office

215 N. Westnedge Ave.

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

(Make checks payable to: *Diocese of Kalamazoo*)

For more information, contact: Lisa Irwin

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## 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 2008 – Spring 2009

### **Course: Principles of Youth Ministry**

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

**October 4-5, 2008**

**Instructor: Marcos Martinez** (MA in Theology) works for Catholic Relief Services as the Youth/Young Adult Coordinator for the Southwest Region in San Antonio, Texas. He has extensive experience in youth ministry at the parish and diocesan levels. Marcos has served in the Dioceses of Lubbock, Amarillo, Las Cruces, and El Paso.

**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.

**January 10 - 11, 2009**

**Instructor: Don Boucher** (MA in Pastoral Studies and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Youth Ministry from the Center for Ministry Development) currently serves as Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Springfield in Massachusetts. Don has extensive experience in leadership training with youth and adults.