

**Youth Ministry Studies Registration Form
2011/2012**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Work Phone (____) _____

Home Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Parish/School _____

Please check all that apply:

Course(s):

- Justice and Service October 8-9, 2011
- Evangelization and Catechesis Dec. 3-4, 2011
- Pastoral Care February 4-5, 2012
- Prayer and Worship April 14 – 15, 2012
- 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: One month prior to course date.

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

Payment enclosed: _____

Make check payable to Diocese of Kalamazoo

Overnight Accommodations

- I would like information about overnight accommodations (additional fee)

Send registration form & payment to:

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

For more information contact

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Overview

The Certificate in 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 which 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

Participants will build:

Confidence 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 nationally recognized curriculum is offered in over 30 sites by over 50 dioceses. Graduates hold parish, school and diocesan leadership positions all over the country.

Year Two Courses
Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

October 8 – 9, 2011

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Justice and Service explores the foundations for fostering a justice and service consciousness and spirituality in youth drawn from Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, principles of adolescent development, and contemporary catechetical principles. It develops skills for creating integrated, action-learning models for the justice and service component of a comprehensive youth ministry. *For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 4 hours of theological content and 10 hours of methodology.*
Instructor: Sean Lansing, Director, Youth Leadership Development and Tomorrow's Present, Cardinal Stritch Univ., Milwaukee WI.

December 3-4, 2011

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Evangelization and Catechesis develops the foundations and practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity in young and older adolescents through evangelization and catechesis. Participants will explore a variety of ways to learn about and from Jesus and how to promote a living relationship with Jesus in the lives of adolescents. They will examine a contemporary approach to developing Catholic identity and Catholic practices in the lives of adolescents today. Participants will experience and analyze the “postmodern” culture and develop strategies for faith formation with adolescents in a postmodern world. They will learn creative approaches for evangelization and catechesis and develop skills and methods for evangelizing and catechizing adolescents. *For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 3 hours of theological content and 11 hours of methodology.*
Instructor: Tony Pichler, Director, Lay Ministry Formation, Diocese of Green Bay.

February 4 – 5, 2012

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Pastoral Care

explores the principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and their families. The course develops an understanding of the breadth and depth of pastoral care, of family systems and adolescent development, and of the role that cultural identity plays in the development of adolescents. The goal is two-fold: (a) to promote healthy adolescent development from a pastoral care perspective, and (b) to develop preventative interventions for families with adolescents. *For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 2 hours of theological content and 12 hours of methodology.*

Instructor: Lori Spanbauer, Campus Minister, Marian High School, Omaha, NE.

April 14 – 15, 2012

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through 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) understanding the role of youth retreat experiences. Participants will apply these understandings by developing a realistic and integrated approach to worship within a comprehensive ministry to youth. *For Diocesan Catechist Certification, this course provides 4 hours of theological content and 10 hours of methodology.*

Instructor: Tom Tomaszek, Director of Product Development, Oregon Catholic Press

Year One Course Titles

- Principles of Youth Ministry
 - Practices for Youth Ministry
 - Foundations for Ministry Leadership
 - Skills for Christian Leadership
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- (Dates to be determined for 2012 – 2013)

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 and \$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 for participants of the program 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

2011-2012

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leaders and volunteers

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