

Program Information

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies program is designed for persons involved professionally or as volunteers with younger (10-14) or older (14-19) adolescents in a parish or school setting. The potential audience for the program includes: coordinators of youth ministry, directors of religious education, youth ministry volunteer leaders, junior high leaders, high school campus ministers, teachers, clergy, university students and seminarians.

The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. Courses in the first year cover youth ministry principles and practice, and leadership theory, processes, and 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.

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies program includes eight courses. Each course consists of fourteen hours of instruction provided in two days. These courses are offered in a weekend format over two years.

These courses can be applied to all levels of Youth Ministry Certification.

Courses 1 & 2 will be held at St. Gerald Parish in Farmington. Courses 3 & 4 will be held at Sacred Heart Seminary. The cost for each session is \$180, which includes books. Financial assistance is available for those working towards certification.

**Courses meet on:
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
with slight variances depending on location.**

Opportunities to celebrate Mass are included.



Cycle One Program Courses

Principles of Youth Ministry

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

September 19-20, 2009

Marcos G. Martinez

Practices of Youth Ministry

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.

November 7-8, 2009

Cheryl Tholcke

Foundations for Ministry Leadership

Foundations for 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.

January 9-10, 2010

Dennis Mahaney

Skills for Christian Leadership

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 the skills. The course stresses the application of leadership skills to various ministry settings, problems, and issues

March 13-14, 2010

Sister Carolyn Mary Coll, RSM

Program Faculty

All Center for Ministry Development faculty are veteran youth ministry trainers and practitioners with Masters degrees (or better) in theology; pastoral ministry, or religious education. The Certificate in Youth a Ministry Studies faculty includes: Marcos G. Martinez, Cheryl Tholcke, Dennis Mahaney and Sister Carolyn Mary Coll, RSM

Cycle One Courses will be repeated again in 2011-2012.

Certificate Program Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parish _____

I am interested in: (please check)

Individual Courses

_____ Sept. 19-20 - Principles of Youth Ministry

_____ Nov. 7-8 - Practices of Youth Ministry

_____ Jan. 9-10 - Foundations for Ministry
Leadership

_____ Mar. 13-14 - Skills for Christian Leadership

_____ Completing all eight courses

For additional information contact Joe Gall,
Associate Director, Office for Youth Ministry,
313-237-5891, gall.joseph@aod.org.

You may pay for each course individually or pay
for all four at once.

Make check payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit**
Send **check** and **registration** in by **August 1, 2009** to:

Freeda Jordan
Office for Youth Ministry
305 Michigan Avenue – 5th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226-2605
(313) 237-5904



Course 1 (“Principles”) and Course 2 (“Practices”) held at:

St. Gerald
21300 Farmington Rd.
Farmington, MI 48336
(248) 477-7470

Course 3 (“Foundations”) and Course 4 (“Skills”) held at:

Sacred Heart Major Seminary
2701 W. Chicago Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48206
(313) 883-8500

For More Information

on course times, locations, details,
etc., please contact the Office for
Youth Ministry at (313) 237-5904.

Questions regarding the Center for
Ministry Development or the
Certificate Program in general can
be directed to the Center for
Ministry Development. See
www.cmdnet.org.



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Offered by the
Center for Ministry
Development



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