

## OVERVIEW

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program *for adults* in ministry with middle and high school youth 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. The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. The Certificate Program is utilized in a number of ways:

- as an integrated formation program leading to a *Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies*;
- as an enrichment or continuing education program for veteran leaders;
- as a workshop series which can be taken on a course-by-course basis by professional or volunteer leaders.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

*Participants 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, 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.

## COURSES

### Principles of Youth Ministry

*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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Evangelization and Catechesis

*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 of 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.

### Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Justice and Service

*Justice and 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. It develops skills for creating integrated, action-learning models for the justice and service component of a comprehensive youth ministry.

### Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Pastoral Care

*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. This includes exploration of family

systems, adolescent development and 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.

### **Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Prayer and Worship**

*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.

### **SITE AND SCHEDULE**

Courses will be held at St. Stephen Diocesan Center (6301 Pali Highway, Kaneohe, OAHU).

Courses are offered each summer. Check the website ([www.catholichawaii.org](http://www.catholichawaii.org)) for updated calendar.

### **ATTENDANCE**

A Certificate student is expected to attend every session of the two-day course. If a student is late or anticipates missing any portion of the course, it is the student's responsibility to consult with the instructor in advance of missing a portion of the course and to connect with the instructor regarding content that was covered. Each session of the course is approximately 90 to 120 minutes in length. If a student misses more than **one** session, he/she will be required to repeat the course in order to qualify for the Certificate.

### **REGISTRATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

The fee for each course is \$185 per person. This amount includes tuition, books, materials, a light breakfast, refreshments, and lunch each day.

Register a team of four for a discounted rate of \$500 per course. This amount includes tuition, one set of books, materials, a light breakfast, refreshments, and lunch each day.

A one-time graduation fee of \$55 per person will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments.

*Registration and graduation fees are non-refundable.*

***A minimum of 15 persons is needed in order for courses to be held.***

Overnight lodging is available for an additional cost. Contact the OYYAM at 808-203-6763 or email [oyyam@rcchawaii.org](mailto:oyyam@rcchawaii.org).

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A series of courses that promote leadership development for ministry with adolescents

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