

Christian Leadership Institute – Hawaii: An Overview

What is Christian Leadership Institute - Hawaii?

Christian Leadership Institute – Hawaii (CLI-HI) is a program that enables young people to become leaders in parish and high school settings. The goals of CLI-HI are to foster the leadership potential of each individual and to heighten his/her awareness of the responsibilities of leadership in a high school or parish community and in the larger Christian Community.

This is a week of training and not a retreat. It is hard work. A retreat focuses primarily on growing in one's relationship with God and usually last 2-3 days. This is a 5-day program that focuses primarily on learning and practicing skills for Christian leadership.

What are the components of CLI-HI?

- **SKILL WORKSHOPS:** Leadership skills and styles, planning skills, communications skills, group dynamics, and consensus-seeking skills.
- **SUPPORTIVE GROUPS:** Opportunities to grow in personal faith and awareness include decision making, prayer, call to ministry and affirmation.
- **PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Youth-planned prayer experiences and Eucharistic Liturgies.
- **SKILLS PRACTICE:** Learning by doing is a major part of CLI-HI. The participants take responsibility for planning and leading various components of CLI-HI.

What is expected of participants?

- Participants, their parents and coordinators should review the Youth Code of Conduct together to ensure that the expectations are clear to everyone. The daily schedule should also be reviewed to get a sense of the flow of each day.
- Participants must be mature enough to be away from home for the entire week.

What do CLI-HI participants do after the week is over?

- Alumni have served on parish liturgy committees (& as liturgical ministers themselves), as middle school youth ministry core team members, on retreat teams for younger children and peers, on parish councils, as catechist aides, on the CLI-HI team, as Diocesan Youth Day emcees and volunteers, and so many other areas!

Who is the CLI-HI Team?

- The CLI-HI team is coordinated by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and is made up of adults who volunteer in parishes and/or schools as youth ministers, campus ministers, teachers, college students, and more.
- The CLI-HI team also includes a priest who serves as the chaplain for the week.

Need more information? Contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 808-203-6763 or email: oyyam@rcchawaii.org.