

## **Christian Leadership Institute – Hawaii: An Overview**

### **What is Christian Leadership Institute - Hawaii?**

Christian Leadership Institute – Hawaii (CLI-HI) is a program that empowers 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.

While CLI-HI is based in a Catholic context, it is not a retreat. A retreat focuses primarily on growing in one's relationship with God and usually last 2-3 days. This is a 6-day program that focuses primarily on learning and practicing skills for Christian leadership. See next page for more information.

### **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?**

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## The Christian Leadership Institute - Hawaii experience versus the Retreat experience

It is important to note that CLI-HI is NOT a retreat.

	<b>Retreat</b>	<b>CLI-HI</b>
<b>Focus:</b>	Growth in relationship with Jesus.	Learning and practicing leadership skills. Growing in relationship with community and Jesus.
<b>Timeframe:</b>	Weekend (usually 2 ½ days)	Five to Six days
<b>Content:</b>	Spiritually Related	Leadership Skills – learning and practicing
<b>Place of Prayer and Worship:</b>	Center of Program	Part of Program
<b>Community Formation:</b>	Intentional Activities	Happens through the process
<b>Spiritual Director:</b>	Focus on spiritual movement	Presides at Mass and helps with planning. Member of the Team.
<b>Adult Leaders:</b>	Model Faith	Facilitate Learning Empower Youth Co-learners
<b>Participants:</b>	Faith Experience	Learner Student Active Participant
<b>Small Groups:</b>	Sharing and Community	Process Learning Practice Skills Support