

## Registration Form

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Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in: (please check)

- Individual courses
- Pastoral Care
- Justice and Service
- Prayer and Worship
- Evangelization and Catechesis

Completing all eight courses for a Certificate in Youth Ministry

For additional 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 parish, school, and other ministry 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

*Participating leaders 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. Students who successfully complete the requirements of the program receive a *Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies*, indicating the completion of this course of study.

## Year Two Courses

**Evangelization and Catechesis** develops the foundations and practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity in young and older adolescents. Participants 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 examine a contemporary approach to developing Catholic identity and Catholic practices in the lives of adolescents today. Participants experience and analyze the “postmodern” culture, and develop strategies for faith formation with adolescents in a postmodern world. They learn creative approaches for evangelization and catechesis, and develop skills and methods for evangelizing and catechizing adolescents.

**June 15-16, 2009 – Cheryl Tholke - Instructor**

**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.

**June 17-18, 2009 –Joan Weber - Instructor**

**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) designing youth retreat experiences. Participants apply these understandings by developing a realistic and integrated approach to worship within a comprehensive ministry to youth.

**July 20-21, 2009 – Susan Searle – Instructor**

**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 the role that cultural identity plays in the development of adolescents. The goal is two-fold: (a) it aims to promote healthy adolescent development from a pastoral care perspective and (b) to develop preventative interventions for families with adolescents.

**July 22-23, 2009 – Sr. Carolyn Mary Coll - Instructor**

### **Credit Information**

Graduate credit is available for participants of the Certificate program through Regis University.

### **Site and Schedule**

Courses will be offered at St. Mary's Cathedral Center, 22 West Kiowa Ave. The schedule for the courses is: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

### **Registration and Requirements**

- The fee for each course is \$150.00. This amount includes tuition, books, materials, and refreshments.
- The group rate is \$300.00 for up to 5 people.
- A one-time graduation fee of \$25 will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments.
- Overnight lodging is available. (Please contact our office.)

### ***About 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 and intergenerational ministry, and religious education. The *Center for Ministry Development* has been providing youth ministry leadership training through the certificate program since 1979.

### Year One Course Titles

- + Principles of Youth Ministry
- + Practices for Youth Ministry
- + Foundations for Ministry Leadership
- + Skills for Christian Leadership

## *The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies Program*

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

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*Designed for*

- Youth Ministry Coordinators
- Prospective Youth Ministry Leaders
- Directors of Religious Education
- High School Campus Ministers
- Youth Ministry Teams
- Junior High Ministry Leaders and Catechists
- Youth Retreat Coordinators

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