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2011-2012



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Office of Religious Education
Youth Ministry Division
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

The Center for Ministry Development
Gig Harbor, Washington

Please send an application for a certificate in youth ministry studies:

name: _____ address: _____
 city: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____
 phone (home): _____ phone (work): _____
 email address: _____
 parish/school: _____ city: _____

I am interested in the certificate program in youth ministry for:

- certificate only enrichment

Cost per class (includes books & materials): Individual – \$150 Group – \$300

NOTE: This form is used to request an application. Payment should be sent with the completed application for the program.

Katie Zeigler, Office of Religious Education, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010.

Or complete this form online at www.la-archdiocese.org/org/ore/youth/pages/NGP-about.aspx

t he program

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program for those in ministry with youth, ages 10-19, 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 Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies program includes eight courses offered in a weekend format over a two-year period. The aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. Courses in the first year focus on youth ministry principles and practice, and leadership theory, processes, and skills. The second year covers fostering the faith growth of youth through evangelization and catechesis, prayer and worship, justice and service, and pastoral care.

p articipants

This program has been designed for persons involved professionally or as volunteers with younger (10-14) or older (14-19) adolescents in a parish or school setting. The program is geared toward: Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Coordinators of Confirmation, Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministry Volunteer Leaders, Junior High Leaders, High School Campus Ministers and Teachers, and Clergy.

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A Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is awarded by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to students who:

- Participate in all eight courses;
- Complete the Certificate Assignments and Learning Journal for each course;
- Submit their assignments and Learning Journal by September 15 following completion of their final course.

l os angeles dates

- NOVEMBER 5-6, 2011
Principles of Youth Ministry
Tom East
- JANUARY 7-8, 2012
Practices of Youth Ministry
Don Boucher
- APRIL 21-22, 2012
Foundations of Ministry Leadership
Jim Merhaut
- MAY 19-20, 2012
Skills for Christian Leadership
Ann Marie Eckert

s econd year courses

- Pastoral Care
- Justice and Service
- Foundations of Christian Leadership
- Prayer and Worship

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The program is held at:
San Fernando Regional Office
15101 San Fernando Mission Blvd.
Mission Hills, CA 91345



first-year courses

PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH MINISTRY

November 5-6, 2011

Tom East

This course presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing an effective, comprehensive ministry with younger and older adolescents. It examines the dynamics of developing Catholic faith identity and practice. This course presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for 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 and faith growth.

PRACTICES OF YOUTH MINISTRY

January 7-8, 2012

Don Boucher

This course 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 OF MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

April 21-22, 2012

Jim Merhaut

This course 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 com-

bines 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 creating leadership positions then inviting, preparing, and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

SKILLS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

May 19-20, 2012

Ann Marie Eckert

This course 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.

second-year courses

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Pastoral Care

Learn principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and their families.

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Justice and Service

Develop skills for creating action-learning models for the justice and service component of a comprehensive youth ministry.

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Prayer and Worship

Learn the foundational role that prayer and worship have in fostering the spiritual growth of youth.

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Evangelization & Catechesis

Learn practices for nurturing faith growth and Catholic identity in younger and older adolescents through evangelization and catechesis.

national certificate program

in youth ministry studies

schedule

Hours for the two-day weekend course are:

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

fees

Individual Rates: \$150 per weekend course (includes books, handouts, materials and hospitality).

Group Rates: \$300 per weekend (includes workshop for whole team and one set of books and materials) for up to four participants per team.

Courses may be taken toward certification, or may be taken individually for in-service.

housing and meals

Housing: Valley Inn & Conference Center, 10621 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, Calif. 91345-1918, contact by phone at (800) 352-5670 or on the web at www.valleyinnandconferencecenter.com.

Meals: Morning and afternoon hospitality is provided. **Participants are asked to bring their own lunch or visit the restaurants around the site.**

registration

For further information or additional registration forms, please call (213) 637-7616, e-mail KZeigler@la-archdiocese.org, or write:

Katie Zeigler

Youth Ministry Consultant

Office of Religious Education

3424 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90010

online

You can find information online through the Youth Ministry section of the Office of Religious Education Web site at:

www.la-archdiocese.org/org/ore/youth/pages/NCP-about.aspx

faculty

DONALD BOUCHER holds a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University, Chicago, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Youth Ministry from the Center for Ministry Development and St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. Don has served as a parish coordinator of youth ministry, diocesan director of youth ministry, and parish pastoral associate/coordinator of faith formation. He has extensive experience in leadership training with youth and adults.

TOM EAST is Director of the Center for Ministry Development, Project Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services, and Coordinator of the Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies. Tom holds a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. He served as editor and author for *Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry* (Twenty-Third Publications), *Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry* (Saint Mary's Press), and *Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship* (Saint Mary's Press). Tom was also the General Editor for *Call to Faith – A Thematic Approach to Young Adolescent Catechesis* (Harcourt Religion Publishers).

ANN MARIE ECKERT is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for the Center for Ministry Development and Project Coordinator for YouthLeader and Just5Days. Ann Marie holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, N.Y. She previously held the position of Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Ann Marie worked in diocesan ministry for over 10 years. She has authored and contributed to a number of books including *Ministry Resources for Youth Leadership Development*.

JIM MERHAUT is the Project Coordinator for Life-long Faith Formation Services. He holds a Master of Science degree in Religious Education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Jim is author or co-author of several books and dozens of other publications. He is a 24-year veteran in Church ministry having worked in parish, diocesan, Catholic school, university, and retreat center settings. Jim has offered keynotes, retreats, and workshops around the country. He most recently served as the President and CEO of Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center.