

Youth Ministry Certificate Track

This is an in-depth program developed to provide deeper formation for the youth minister, including presentations that are practical, academic, theological, and spiritual. Believing that the most significant factor in the catechetical endeavor is the individual catechist passing on a lived faith, Franciscan University has committed itself to assisting in the preparation of men and women equal to the task of catechesis in a youth ministry context.

This two-year program includes 24 workshops (16 residential and 8 online), as well as 8 general sessions. Participants begin with the Year 1 Curriculum and then move to the Year 2 Curriculum. Sessions for both are offered every year at the conference.

A. Registration and Attendance

- Conference participants who would like to participate in the Youth Ministry Certificate Track must come to Track Check-in on the first day of the conference, after Conference Registration, to confirm your participation in the track. At Conference Registration, they will tell you the location of Track Check-in.
- Participants pursuing the certification must attend all Youth Ministry Track workshops and all 4 general sessions during the week. Attendance will be monitored at all sessions, including the general sessions. It is very important that you record your name at each session you attend.

B. Administrative Fee

In order to cover administrative costs to the Office of Catechetics (postage, supplies, photocopying, etc.) **all Youth Ministry Certificate Track participants will be charged a \$20.00 fee each year.** This fee will be paid to the Conference Office with your regular conference and housing costs. Please inform the conference staff that you would like to participate in the Youth Ministry Certificate Track.

C. Certification Requirements

Over two successive years¹, Youth Ministry Certificate Track participants will attend a total of 24 workshops (16 residential and 8 online), as well as 8 general sessions, and each participant will complete and submit an assigned project or paper each year. In the last year of training the candidates will complete a 6-page essay assignment. **On each project/paper, please include your name, contact information, the name and year of the Conference you attended and the number of years you have been in the track.** Projects/Papers can be mailed (or emailed) to:

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Questions regarding assignments may be directed to the Office of Catechetics at: (740) 284-5317, or by email: catechetics@franciscan.edu.

D. Workshop Schedule for Youth Ministry Certificate Training

YEAR 1

The Mission of the Church*
Personal Spirituality and the Call to Holiness
A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry
Salvation History: The Father's Plan for Salvation
Engaging Youth Culture
Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry With Teens
Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization*
Understanding Catechesis*
Methods and Practical Skills
Leading Community Prayer*
Recruiting, Training, and Developing Teams
The Church, the Body of Christ: Working with Bishops, Pastors, Staff and Parents

YEAR 2

JPII and the New Evangelization*
Moving from Invitation to Intimacy*
Effective Catechesis in a Youth Ministry Setting*
General Introduction to Adolescent Development
Counseling and Pastoral Care with Teens
The Liturgical Nature and Sacramental Life of the Church
The Christocentricity of Catholic Morality
John Paul II's Understanding of the Family
Theology of the Body: Teaching Catholic Sexuality to Teens
Catholic Social Teaching
Free to Love, Free to Serve*
Mobilizing Teens for Service, Leadership and Vocation

ⁱ Last updated 10/9/14

* Online workshop