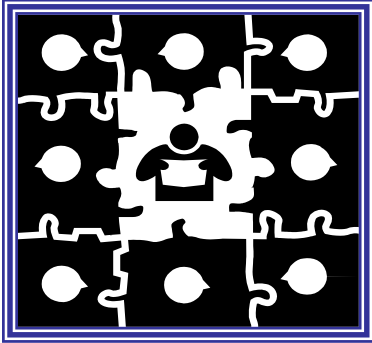


Youth Ministry Basics Classes

Developing Comprehensive Ministry/Faith Formation to/with/by/for Youth

Make an investment in the people who serve the young church



This Youth Ministry Basics course is based on the Center for Ministry Development's YMTV video-based program. It is designed to help achieve three goals for ministry to/with/by/and for adolescents as articulated in the U.S. Catholic Bishops document *Renewing the Vision*:

1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today
2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community
3. To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person

WHO COULD ATTEND?

Teachers, Catechists, Parish Council members, Parents, Youth involved in Peer Ministry, Deacons, Coaches, Parish Ministry Committees. **Everyone** in the Community is encouraged to participate as much as they can. "It takes a village (whole church) to raise a child."

The Youth Ministry Basics Course consists of twelve 20-minute videos supplemented by activities, discussions, and parish applications. We help you to create a plan to promote faith formation and develop comprehensive youth ministry among the young people in your community. You can start classes at any time and finish as they are scheduled.

Cost is \$15.00 per person per class or \$100.00 per person for all 12 sessions, and \$150.00 for the weekend session which includes 6 meals and snacks. Group discounts are available through your parish.

If you gather 12 people together and host a weekend training at your parish, the cost goes down considerably, you get the training done in one weekend, no one has to travel very far, and you strengthen your parish for ministry to young people!!

WHY ATTEND?

1. Help volunteers to feel more competent in their role
2. Create a network to bounce ideas off of and to get support
3. Personal enrichment to grow/deepen your faith
4. Help young people to grow in their faith
5. Those who complete all 12 classes get a certificate of completion from the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Religious Education at our annual award and recognition ceremony

Youth Ministry Basics Classes:

Understanding Youth Ministry

Express a vision for ministry with youth. Identify the goals and key elements of a contemporary, comprehensive approach to ministry with youth. Assess a ministry with youth and chart direction for improvement by using the comprehensive model of Youth Ministry.

Working with Families and Community

Understand several key characteristics of families with adolescents. Develop a specific way to partner with families and connect youth ministry programming with family life. Identify specific strategies for utilizing the resources of the parish and civic community in ministry with youth.

Growing in Ministry with Youth

Name qualities of an adult in ministry with youth. Identify personal gifts and strengths. Plan for spiritual support and future learning.

Planning Youth Ministry Programs

Identify the elements of a successful youth ministry program plan. Use the material presented to design a program. Identify resources available in the local community.

Understanding Youth

Describe the role of adult leaders working with youth. Identify the nature and needs of younger and older adolescents. Utilize strategies and skills to effectively respond to the needs of adolescents.

Working with Groups

Develop a basic understanding of the communication process and how groups work and develop. Learn skills for becoming a more attentive and empathic listener. Identify roadblocks to communication, and leadership styles appropriate to a group's life cycle.

Building Community with Youth

Describe the purpose and process of building community. Identify key elements of community building. Utilize a variety of personal and program strategies for effective community building.

Evangelizing Youth

Articulate God's presence as Good News in their lives. Identify with the Catholic understanding of evangelization. Implement evangelization and outreach strategies for youth.

Facilitating Learning with Youth

Identify several techniques for maximizing youth learning using a variety of methods. Design a learning experience for youth using a Shared Christian Praxis model and or

modify a learning experience to reflect a Shared Christian Praxis model. Become more competent as facilitators of youth learning.

Empowering Youth for Justice/Service

Describe a contemporary faith perspective on justice. Identify how service benefits both young people and the local community. List the necessary components of effective service programming. Enrich and expand on existing justice and service programs present in the parish, school, or regional community.

Celebrating Liturgy with Youth

Describe the difference between liturgical and personal prayer and name key moments in liturgical formation. Identify important principles for preparing liturgies for and with teenagers. Apply the steps of a liturgy preparation process.

Praying with Youth

Describe a personal approach to prayer. Understand important principles for preparing prayer for and with teenagers. Apply the steps of a prayer preparation process.