

“MEGA COURSES”

All twelve of the courses in the YMSP program are divided into four “mega courses.” This allows participants to gain the most information while losing a minimum amount of time from their families and parish programs. Participants are encouraged to complete the entire YMSP program in one year. Each mega course follows the same schedule:

9:30 am - first session
11:15 am - lunch (provided)
Noon - session 2
2:00 pm - session 3
3:45 pm - evaluations



Mega Courses for 2007-2008

I. The Catholic Youth Minister (courses 1-3)

Instructors: Mark Butler, Leslie Young, Barb Cain
Saturday, October 27, 2007
St. Peter Parish
6899 Smoky Row Rd., Worthington

II. Forming Young Disciples (courses 4-6)

Instructors: Laura Lewis, Barbara Romanello-Wichtman, Karen Cook
Saturday, December 8, 2007
St. Peter Parish
6899 Smoky Row Rd., Worthington

III. Empowering for Discipleship (courses 7-9)

Instructors: Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, Pam Heil, Paul Davis
Saturday, February 16, 2008
St. Peter Parish
6899 Smoky Row Rd., Worthington

IV. Developing Servant-Leaders (courses 10-12)

Instructors: Carolyn Ferroni, Bill Cunningham, Jerry Freewalt
Saturday, April 12, 2008
St. Peter Parish
6899 Smoky Row Rd., Worthington

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry CERTIFICATION MEGA COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Parish/School: _____

City: _____

Position: _____

Status: Full-Time Part-Time Volunteer

I would like to register for: (Check all that apply.)

- Mega Course I (October 27, 2007)
- Mega Course II (December 8, 2007)
- Mega Course III (February 16, 2008)
- Mega Course IV (April 12, 2008)

The cost of each mega course is \$75 per person per course. The registration fee includes all course materials, breakfast refreshments, and lunch.

Send with payment (payable to OY&YAM) to:

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
ATTN: YMSP
197 E. Gay St.
Columbus, OH 43215-3229.

Registration forms and registration fees must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the course date. Courses may be cancelled or rescheduled due to lack of registrants or inclement weather.

YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM



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YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM



In the year 2003, the Diocese of Columbus implemented a competency-based certification process for coordinators of youth ministry. The objectives of this

process are based upon the National Competencies for Lay Ecclesial Youth Ministers, developed by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (with the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership and National Association for Lay Ministry) and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation.

Individuals apply for Diocesan Certification for Lay Ecclesial Youth Ministers with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Certification is granted based on the following requirements:

1. Completion of Advanced Catechist Certification (Office of Religious Education and Catechesis) or a bachelor's degree in theology, youth ministry or a related field.

2. Completion of Component 1 (Ministry Formation Office) or 5 years experience in full-time ministry in the Diocese of Columbus.

3. Completion of the **Youth Ministry Studies Program** or demonstrate equivalent competency in a ministry portfolio.

4. Possession of a minimum of 3 years experience in Catholic Youth Ministry.

5. Compliance with diocesan policies and guidelines regarding criminal background checks, code of conduct, and child sexual abuse prevention.

YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM

The Youth Ministry Studies Program (YMSP) is designed to help coordinators of youth ministry obtain the knowledge needed to be certified in the Diocese of Columbus. There are a total of twelve courses in the YMSP course of study, which are ordinarily grouped together into four "mega courses" offered on Saturdays during the academic year. Each class in the YMSP is taught by a veteran youth ministry leader with expertise in the subject offered.



COURSES IN THE YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES PROGRAM

Course 1: What is Catholic Youth Ministry?

Course 2: The Lay Ecclesial Youth Minister

Course 3: Professional Practices of the Lay Ecclesial Youth Minister

Course 4: Adolescent Development and Youth Culture

Course 5: Adolescent Catechesis

Course 6: Creating Community

Course 7: Evangelization and Youth Ministry

Course 8: Pastoral Care of Adolescents

Course 9: Prayer and Worship with Teens

Course 10: Advocating for and with Youth

Course 11: Leadership Development for Youth and Adult Leaders

Course 12: Promoting Justice and Service



The specific objectives for each course in the YMSP is available online at:

<http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/ymsp>