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“Training for youth ministry should be as comprehensive as the responsibilities are... Adequate training in the Church’s mission of evangelization and catechesis.., should be a minimum requirement for all youth ministers.” (National Directory for Catechesis, p. 708)

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry staff will come to your deanery to offer youth ministry training (other ministry leaders and interested adults also welcome) at a host site. We have provided a menu of topics. Most of the presentations can be covered in a one hour session, but we suggest choosing 2 topics for an evening or afternoon gathering. We ask several weeks advance notice to schedule a training workshop. The goal of the workshops is to offer training and skill development for parish youth ministers and other interested adults so that you can minister more effectively with young people.

The workshops are offered by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at no cost to parishes or deaneries. We do ask that you provide a host site, set up, refreshments, and clean up. To arrange a workshop or for more information, please contact:

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Youth Ministry In-services



FREE Parish and Deanery workshop opportunities for parish youth ministers.

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Possible Free Workshops

“Understanding the World of Millennial Youth and Their Connection to Church”

This two hour session will look at the characteristics of the Millennial Generation (born about 1983 to 2001) to see how they interact with the world. We will also look at the National Study on Youth and Religion and other studies on the religiosity of today’s teens and young adults. The goal is to get a profile of today’s youth that will inform how we minister to them.

“Overview of Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry”

This one hour session will take a quick “walk through” the 1997 American Bishops’ Document on youth ministry in the United States. This document is the guide book for every youth minister, who should be intimately familiar with it.

“Recruiting and Forming Youth Ministry Volunteers”

This one hour session talks about how we attract adults to help in parish youth ministry, and how we help form them for the ministry. “It takes a whole village to raise (up) youth ministry.”

“An Evangelizing Youth Ministry”

This one hour session discusses the importance of fostering a youth ministry program that is welcoming and appealing to young people. We will discuss ways to build and sustain a vibrant youth ministry within the parish community.

“Prayer and Worship with Teens”

This one hour session is an overview on how we pray with young people. We will discuss various prayer styles and experiences that are particularly meaningful to youth.



“The Components into Action”

This one hour session discusses the 8 components from Renewing the Vision. Each component is introduced and, to make it really practical, suggestions are given on how to integrate the component into a program plan.

“Making All the Right (Legal) Moves”

This one hour session seeks to clarify some of the legal red tape issues we deal with in youth ministry—parental consent forms, chaperon ratios, copyright laws, background checks, and in general the “do’s and don’ts” of safe ministry practices.



“Teen to Teen; Peer Ministry”

This one hour session focuses on the importance and effectiveness of empowering teens in your youth ministry to become evangelizers and ministers to their peers. We will look at the basic principles of effective peer ministry.

“Using Technology in Youth Ministry”

This one hour session gives a brief overview of the technological world of young people so that the youth minister can safely communicate with them in that world.



“Choosing and Using Youth Ministry Resources”

This one hour session takes a look at how to select good resources to use in your youth ministry setting. We will look at various published resources and discuss how to adapt them to work for your program.

“Pastoral Care of Youth”

This one hour session would be a good companion workshop to “Making All the Right (Legal) Moves”. It looks at how we respond to youth in crisis issues and how we help young people through difficult times or guide them to find the help they need.

“The Call to Service Through the Church’s Teachings on Justice”

This one hour session talks about the importance of serving those in greatest needs. It also stresses the importance of teaching the Church’s views on justice. We will take a brief look at the Pastoral Circle approach to service and justice.

“Adolescent Catechesis: Methods and Ideas”

This one hour session looks at different methods for catechizing young people. We will talk about creative ways to pass on the knowledge of the faith to high school teens through various activities, hands-on experience, models for catechesis, and selecting resources.