



Archdiocese of Louisville
Office of Youth &
Young Adults



Certificate in Ministry Studies

This certificate program will promote dynamic leadership for Lifelong Faith Formation and Youth Ministry in your parish or ministry. Leaders will specialize in lifelong faith formation or youth ministry, and will participate in a series of eight in-person courses (1 full weekend each semester), four online courses (1 each semester), and two online learning cohort meetings over two years that will lead to the granting of a nationally recognized certificate.

Participants are welcome to take any course independently of the others (a great opportunity for adult leaders, catechists, or those with particular focus areas!). Those who complete all program requirements will receive either the **Certificate in Lifelong Faith Formation** OR the **Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies**.

Additionally, each course can be applied locally toward Catechist Certificates. Those who complete the full program and an additional retreat and mentoring program (both of which are offered by the Office of Youth and Young Adults and the Office of Faith Formation for their respective areas of ministry) will be eligible for the **Master Catechist Certificate from the Archdiocese of Louisville Ministry Institute (ALMI)**.

This certificate program equips ministry leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth as presented in the USCCB's *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* (1997), and regularly updated to keep with current youth culture. The program is also correlated with the core and specialized competencies for ministry leaders denoted in the *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*.

The benefits of this blended (in-person and online) program include higher completion rates and higher rates of learning than online only or gathered only models. It also allows for diverse learning styles and non-traditional learners, as well as accentuates the strengths of each learning model for lower costs (than the eight weekend, no online program) and more individualized learning. Additionally, it better accommodates busy personal and ministry schedules with limited available time and provides more flexibility than traditional gathered models.

All in-person courses are at the **Flaget Center** (1935 Lewiston Dr., Louisville). All books, materials, morning refreshments, and lunch are included in the cost for each course. Students must be at least 18 years old and out of high school to attend any of these courses.



To register, please submit form and payment to Vivian Cornell (vcornell@archlou.org, 502-636-0296 x1207). Please direct questions to Karl Dolson, Director, Office of Youth & Young Adults (kdolson@archlou.org, 502-636-0296 x1210)





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2019-2020 Schedule & Year One Courses (blended model)

- Sept 21, 2019, 9am-5pm - Course 1: *Principles of Youth Ministry* (Youth Ministry track)
 Sept 21, 2019, 9am-5pm - Course 1: *Principles of Lifelong Faith Formation* (Faith Formation track)
 Sept 22, 2019, 9am-5pm - Course 2: *Practices of Ministry*
 Oct/Nov, 2019 - Online Course 1: *Visioning for Catholic Ministry* (1/week for 4 weeks)
 Mar 21, 2020, 9am-5pm - Course 3: *Foundations of Ministry Leadership*
 Mar 22, 2020, 9am-5pm - Course 4: *Skills for Christian Leadership*
 Apr/May, 2020 - Online Course 2: *Leading Catholic Ministry* (1/week for 4 weeks)

2020-2021 Year Two Courses (blended model)

- Fall 2020 Course 5: *Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Pastoral Care* (YMinistry track)
 Course 5: *Planning and Implementing Lifelong Catechesis* (Faith Formation track)
 Course 6: *Fostering Faith Growth through Evangelization and Catechesis*
 Online Course 3: *Nurturing Adolescent Spirituality*
 Spring 2021 Course 7: *Fostering Faith Growth through Justice and Service*
 Course 8: *Fostering Faith Growth through Prayer and Worship*
 Online Course 4: *Fostering Positive Adolescent Development and Faith Growth*

Cost Breakdown

Students can expect the following fees:

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| - Course 1 - Sept 21, 2019: | = \$160 |
| - (Optional lodging on Sat night: | = \$30) |
| - Course 2 - Sept 22, 2019: | = \$160 |
| - Online Course 1 - Oct/Nov: | = \$150 (paid directly to CMD upon registration) |
| - Course 3 - Mar 21, 2020: | = \$160 |
| - (Optional lodging on Sat night: | = \$30) |
| - Course 4 - Mar 22, 2020: | = \$160 |
| - Online Course 2 - Apr/May | = \$150 (paid directly to CMD upon registration) |
| Total for Year One | = \$1000 (or \$940 without lodging) |

Students can expect the following fees for the full 2-year program:

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| - In-person Course Fees (8 x \$160) | = \$1280 (includes course materials and lunch) |
| - Online Course Fees (4 x \$150) | = \$600 (includes course materials) |
| - Certificate Processing Fee | = \$45 (at end of program) |
| - Lodging at Flaget Center (4 x \$30/night) | = \$120 (OPTIONAL) |
| TOTAL (over 2 years) | = \$2045 (1st yr = \$1000; 2nd yr = \$1045) |

If you are paid church staff within the Archdiocese of Louisville, inquire about scholarship grant funds!



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2019-2020 Schedule & Year One Course Descriptions (blended model)

Sept 21, 2019 — *Principles of Youth Ministry*

Professor: Tom East

Presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing an effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents. It examines the dynamics of promoting healthy adolescent development and faith growth. It presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for developing comprehensive 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.

Sept 21, 2019 — *Principles of Lifelong Faith Formation*

Professor: Joan Weber

Presents the foundations and principles for developing effective lifelong catechesis with people of all ages in the parish community. It offers a vision for catechesis which is rooted in Church documents and Tradition. The current context for faith formation in the 21st century will also be explored, along with models for effective parish catechesis. Particular attention will be paid to the development of catechesis with families, children, youth, young adults and adults—in other words, with all ages and stages.

Sept 22, 2019 — *Practices of Ministry*

Professor: Tom East

Explores the development of comprehensive 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 and faith formation. This includes skills for advocacy, planning, and organizing ministry efforts. Methods for collaborative leadership among ministries and within ministry teams will also be developed.

Oct/Nov, 2019 — *Visioning for Catholic Ministry* (online course ~2.5 hrs x 1/week for 4 weeks)

Presents an overview of the history and the essential Church documents for Catholic youth ministry. It will present research that proposes a pastoral response to adolescent development and family life. This course will also explore the leadership implications for ministry in a culturally diverse church including practical skills for working together as a ministry team to promote parish-wide collaboration on behalf of youth and their families.

Mar 21, 2020 — *Foundations of Ministry Leadership*

Professor: Susan Searle

Explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants also learn how to empower individuals and teams of leaders for ministry with youth. The course combines 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 inviting, preparing and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

Mar 22, 2020 — *Skills for Christian Leadership*

Professor: Susan Searle

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.

Apr/May, 2020 — *Leading Catholic Ministry* (online course ~2.5 hrs x 1/week for 4 weeks)

Explores current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. It will include development of a personal mission statement as well as practical skills for preparing leaders for ministry, building community with youth, and planning a season of ministry initiatives.

