

The Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

What is it?

- It is a comprehensive sequence of 8 courses, delivered over 2 years, that provide a solid foundation of theory, theology and practical approaches, which can be applied in parish or school youth ministry settings.
- It targets adults ministering with youth aged 10-19 in parish, school and community settings.
- It equips adult leaders with practical tools and promotes personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth to those who are involved in ministry with youth.
- It is an enrichment program for veteran and new leaders.
- It was developed and is owned by the Centre for Ministry Development in the United States. It has been modified to serve Canadian Youth Ministry needs. At present it is being managed and directed by the Redemptorists of the Edmonton-Toronto Province.

Who is it for?

Coordinators of Youth Ministry
Pastoral Workers
Guidance Counselors

Parish Youth Ministry Volunteers
High School Chaplains
Campus Ministers

Pastors
Teachers
Parents

Why? *Benefits for Participants*

- * Participants feel more confident in their ministry because they have integrated and applied the most recent and innovative theory and approaches into their own setting and responsibilities.
- * The comprehensive sequence of courses provided a solid foundation of theory, theology and practical approaches, which can be applied in any parish or youth ministry setting.
- * This is a nationally recognized curriculum. It is offered in 5 Canadian sites and 29 American sites. It has been offered in Canada for twenty years. Its graduates are in parish, school and diocesan leadership positions all over the country.

*“The comprehensive approach is not a single program or recipe for ministry. Rather, it provides a way for integrating ministry with adolescents and their families into the total life and mission of the Church, recognizing that the whole community is responsible for ministry with adolescents and their families. The comprehensive approach uses **all** of our resources as a faith community – people, ministries, programs and resources. By offering this framework we seek to provide direction to the Church’s ministry and affirm and encourage local creativity.” (Renewing The Vision 19 - 20)*
“Youth ministry is the response of the Christian Community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community.” (Renewing The Vision 1)

To Receive a Certificate

The Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies will be awarded to students who:

- Participate in all 8 courses.
- Complete and submit assignments and study questions for each course, demonstrating an understanding of the core areas of Catholic belief.
- Participate in one Small Group Learning Team meeting per course, organized geographically to discuss the course content and course readings.

These certificate courses may be eligible for graduate credit at some universities.

Cost?

\$250 per course. A subsidy may be available to those involved in parish youth ministry.

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When?

April 10, 2010 start date

Where?

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