

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM



YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES

Course Schedule
2009-2010



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Office of Religious Education
Youth Ministry Division
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Mount St. Mary's College
Los Angeles

The Center for Ministry Development
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PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FOR YOUTH MINISTRY STUDIES:

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____
 Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____
 Parish/School: _____ City: _____
 Email: _____

I am interested in the Certificate Program in Youth Ministry Studies for:

_____ Certificate only _____ Graduate credit _____ Enrichment

Cost (includes books & materials): Individual – \$150 Group – \$300

NOTE: This form is used to request an application. Payment should be sent with the completed application for the program.

Mike Norman, Office of Religious Education, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010.

Or complete this form online at archdiocese-la/learning/ore/youth/certificate.html

THE PROGRAM

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program for those in ministry with youth, ages 10-19, in both parish and school settings. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth.

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies program includes eight courses offered on a weekend format over a two-year period. The aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. Courses in the first year focus on youth ministry principles and practice, and leadership theory, processes, and skills. The second year covers fostering the faith growth of youth through evangelization and catechesis, prayer and worship, justice and service, and pastoral care.

PARTICIPANTS

This program has been designed for persons involved professionally or as volunteers with younger (10-14) or older (14-19) adolescents in a parish or school setting. The program is geared toward: Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Coordinators of Confirmation, Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministry Volunteer Leaders, Junior High Leaders, High School Campus Ministers and Teachers, and Clergy.

CERTIFICATION

A Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is awarded by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to students who:

- Participate in all eight courses;
- Complete the Certificate Assignments and Learning Journal for each course;
- Submit their assignments and Learning Journal by September 15 following completion of their final course.

Up to eight units for credit are available through Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles for completed programs (1 unit per course). College fees per unit also apply.

LOS ANGELES DATES

November 7-8, 2009
PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH MINISTRY *Sean Lansing*

January 9-10, 2010
PRACTICES OF YOUTH MINISTRY *Susan Searle*

April 24-25, 2010
FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY LEADERSHIP *Vikki Shepp*

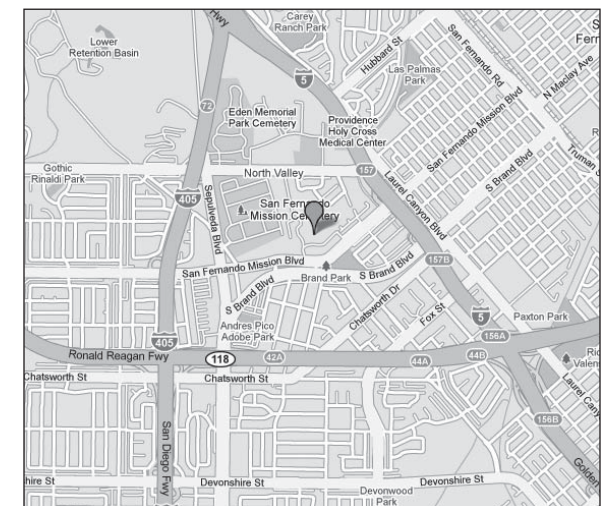
May 15-16, 2010
FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY LEADERSHIP *Ann Marie Eckert*

SECOND - YEAR COURSES

PASTORAL CARE
 FAITH AND WORSHIP
 JUSTICE AND SERVICE
 EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

LOCATION

The program is held at:
 San Fernando Regional Office
 15101 San Fernando Mission Blvd.
 Mission Hills, CA 91345



✦ SCHEDULE

Hours for the two-day weekend course are:

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

✦ FEES

Individual Rates: \$150 per weekend course (includes books, handouts, materials and hospitality).

Group Rates: \$300 per weekend (includes workshop for whole team and one set of books and materials) for up to four participants per team.

Courses may be taken toward certification, or may be taken individually for in-service.

✦ HOUSING & MEALS

Housing: Guesthouse International Inn San Fernando Valley, 10621 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345-1918. Phone (818) 891-1771 or call toll-free, (800) 214-8378.

Meals: Morning and afternoon hospitality will be provided. **Participants are asked to bring their own lunch or visit restaurants around the site.**

✦ REGISTRATION

For further information or additional registration forms, please call **(213) 637-7674**, or by e-mail at mnorman@la-archdiocese.org, or write:

Mike Norman
Youth Ministry Consultant
Office of Religious Education
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010

✦ ONLINE

You can find information online through the Youth Ministry section of the Office of Religious Education Web site:

archdiocese.la/learning/ore/youth/certificate.html

✦ FIRST YEAR COURSES

PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH MINISTRY

November 7-8, 2009

Sean Lansing

This course presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing an effective ministry with younger and older adolescents. This course presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for youth ministry which incorporates developmentally-appropriate youth programming, strengthens family life, involves young people as integral members of the faith community, and collaborates with the wider community in a common effort to promote faith growth. This will include examination of foundational Church documents that shape youth ministry as well as research of best practices in ministry with adolescents.

PRACTICES IN YOUTH MINISTRY

January 9-10, 2010

Deacon John Ashmore

This session explores the development of comprehensive youth 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 with youth. This will include skills for advocacy, planning and organizing youth ministry efforts. Methods for collaborative leadership among ministries and within ministry teams will also be developed.

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

April 24-25, 2010

Vikki Shepp

This course explores the theology, principles and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants will explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants will 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) leader-

ship 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 creating leadership positions then inviting, preparing, and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

SKILLS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

May 15-16, 2010

Ann Marie Eckert

This session 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.

✦ SECOND YEAR COURSES

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Evangelization & Catechesis: Learn creative approaches for evangelizing and catechizing adolescents.

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Prayer & Worship: Develop practical skills necessary for preparing liturgy and worship experiences.

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Justice & Service: Explore the foundations of a consciousness and spirituality.

Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Pastoral Care: Principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and their families.

✦ FACULTY

SEAN LANSING is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development (CMD). Since 1997, Sean has served as part of the adjunct staff for CMD in the Young Neighbors in Action program. His previous position was youth minister for

the Central City Catholic Parishes in Milwaukee. Sean graduated from Marquette University in 1995; he holds a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies from St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee.

DEACON JOHN ASHMORE is an ordained deacon and most recently served as Pastoral Associate at St. Mary Catholic Church in Big Rapids, Mich. He holds a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University Chicago. John has served in parish youth ministry for over 20 years and also serves as an adjunct staff for CMD in the Young Neighbors in Action program. He has extensive experience in parish and diocesan work and has earned a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Youth Ministry from the Center for Ministry Development. He and his wife make their home in Glen Arbor, Mich.

ANN MARIE ECKERT is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services for the Center for Ministry Development. Ann Marie holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, N.Y. She previously held the position of Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Ann Marie worked in diocesan ministry for over 10 years. She has authored and contributed to a number of books including *Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry*, *Ministry Resources for Youth Leadership Development*, *Ministry Resources for Community Life*, and *Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry*.

VIKKI SHEPP currently serves as the Program Pathways Manager for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County in Irvine, Calif. Vikki has been committed to serving youth for the past 20 years – as a Youth Minister, Junior Girl Scout Leader, Middle School Teacher and having worked for the Los Angeles Archdiocese as a Consultant of Youth Ministry and Confirmation. She holds a National Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies and a Master of Arts degree in Humanities. Additionally, Vikki has published a number of articles on working with youth, retreats, sessions, as well as three books; and has presented workshops on effective practices of working with youth and to youth throughout the United States and in Canada.
