

National Certificate Program in



Youth Ministry Studies



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Office of Religious Education
Youth Ministry Division
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Mount St. Mary's College
Los Angeles

The Center for Ministry Development
Naugatuck, Connecticut

Course Schedule Summer 2010

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 for creative ministry with youth.

The summer Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies program include four courses offered on a four day format over two different weeks in June and July. You can finish the course by coming for two summers or taking the courses during the regular schedule throughout the year. 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, 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.

Dates

June 21-22, 2010 (Mon-Tue)	Principles of Youth Ministry	<i>Cheryl Tholcke</i>
June 23-24, 2010 (Wed-Thu)	Practices of Youth Ministry	<i>Cheryl Tholcke</i>
July 12-13, 2010 (Mon-Tue)	Foundations of Ministry Leadership	<i>Patrick Donovan</i>
July 14-15, 2010 (Wed-Thu)	Skills for Christian Leadership	<i>Stephen Tholcke</i>

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

Schedule

Hours for the four days are **9:00 a.m. - 5:00 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.

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

Meals

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

Location

The program is held at:

St. Luke Parish
5605 Cloverly Avenue
Temple City, CA 91780-2332

First-Year Courses

PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH MINISTRY

June 21-22, 2010 (Mon-Tue)

Cheryl Tholcke

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

June 23-24, 2010 (Wed-Thu)

Cheryl Tholcke

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

July 12-13, 2010 (Mon-Tue)

Patrick Donovan

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

SKILLS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

July 14-15, 2010 (Wed-Thu)

Stephen Tholcke

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.

Faculty

PATRICK DONOVAN serves as the Executive Director for the Office for Catholic Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Wilmington. He holds a Certificate in Advanced Studies in Ministry from Loyola University in Chicago and the Center for Ministry Development, and Master's degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Patrick has co-authored three books for Pflaum Publishing about using modern movies to teach. His newest book, *Using the Remote to Channel Jesus*, will be published by Saint Mary's Press in August 2009. Patrick and his wife, Maureen Gross, have four children.

CHERYL M. THOLCKE is a Coordinator for Youth Ministry Services at the Center for Ministry Development. She holds a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University New Orleans. Cheryl is the project coordinator for Youth Ministry Access, CMD's online subscription service for parishes and schools. She is a Master Catechist in the Diocese of Sacramento and is an author of *Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry*, *Total Youth Ministry Coordinator's Manual*, *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*, and *Revelation in Call to Faith: A Thematic Approach to Young Adolescent Catechesis*. A former NFCYM board member, Cheryl is the 2008 recipient of the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award for Diocesan Youth Ministry Leadership. Previously, she directed youth ministry for the Diocese of Sacramento for 21 years and worked for a year as associate director for Catholic Social Service of Sacramento.

STEPHEN THOLCKE is a campus minister at St. Francis Catholic High School in Sacramento, Calif. In his role as a campus minister, he leads student retreats, plans prayer services, and prepares the student body for Eucharistic liturgies. He also travels with students to Young Neighbors in Action each summer and serves as a trainer for YouthLeader. Steve holds a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University New Orleans, and he has been involved with youth ministry and outdoor ministry since 1982. He enjoys hiking, camping, and backpacking. He and his wife, Cheryl, make their home in Sacramento.