

Basic Certificate in Youth Ministry

Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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Program Overview

The Basic Certificate in Youth Ministry (BCYM) is a training program for those in leadership roles within parish youth ministry programs. This includes: paid staff members, parish catechetical leaders, and all adult volunteers.

There are two main goals of BCYM:

1. To provide an entry-level grasp of essential youth ministry skills, practices and concepts.
2. To provide a strong theological and catechetical foundation to the practice of youth ministry.

The certificate consists of nine courses offered in a blended format of live and digital sessions. Three courses are required to be taken in person; the other six are done through an online digital learning platform.

BCYM will be offered three times a year; in the fall, spring, and summer. The fall and spring live courses will typically take place on the first Saturday of each month. The summer live courses will take place Mon-Wed of the last week of June. All live courses will take place at the St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Registration Process

To register go to www.archgh.org scroll down and click on the “View the Archdiocesan CVENT Calendar” link.

Registration for each cohort typically goes live 2 months before the first live session. You will receive access codes for the online course at your first live session and will have 6 months to complete the courses.

Fall 2019..... Live Courses: Sept. 7 | Oct. 5 | Nov. 2

Spring 2020..... Live Courses: March 14 | April 4 | May 2

Summer 2020..... Live Courses: June 29 | June 30 | July 1

Registration Fee: \$125

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Course Readings, Assignments, and Assessments

Readings

For each of the nine courses there is a short assigned reading that is meant to enhance the learners understanding of the material presented. Materials from these readings should be incorporated into the assignment for each

Assignments

For each of the three live courses there is a required assignment. The purpose of the course assignments is to take the material that was covered and apply it in a practical way to your ministry. In addition there is a final project meant to gauge your understanding and implementation of the whole course.

Quiz Assessments

Each of the six online courses will consist of 12-16 short video segments. At the end of each video segment there will be a short assessment to ensure that participants were engaged in watching the videos.

Live Course Descriptions



Ethics and Crisis Management

This course looks at the general theology that underlines youth ministry. It seeks to help the participant gain an understanding of the professional responsibilities of ministers. It seeks to familiarize the participant with the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese.



Leadership Development & Program Planning

This course is intended to help the participant learn the basic principles of strategic planning and effective yearly calendaring for youth ministry. It also covers the basics of situational leadership theory, skills for leadership, and volunteer recruitment and management.



Retreat Formation

This course explores the Archdiocesan policies for presenting retreats to adolescents. It aims at helping the student to have an understanding of the theology of and best practices for retreats. It seeks to help the student develop a holistic view of how to care for adolescents on retreat.

Online Course Descriptions



Vision of Youth Ministry

This course provides a background understanding of the History of youth Ministry in the United States and an overview of the USCCB document *Renewing the Vision*. It explores the challenges, goals, themes and components of Catholic Youth Ministry. It also reviews best practices in youth ministry.



Evangelization and Advocacy

This course provides an overview of the Church's teaching on Evangelization as found in magisterial and papal documents. It examines the basics of youth evangelization and looks at effective strategies for the ministry of Evangelization. It explores the purpose and goals of the ministry of Advocacy.



Catechetical Formation and Lesson Planning

This course explores the Church's teaching on catechesis as found in magisterial and papal documents. It looks at the distinctive catechetical needs of adolescents. It explores the USCCB Guidelines for Adolescent Catechesis and the Archdiocesan Catechetical Framework for Life Long Faith Formation.



Pastoral Care

This course looks at the history of pastoral care and seeks to define what it means to be pastoral. It explores the components of and effective strategies for pastoral care. This course also gives an overview of the Archdiocesan Handbook for Pastoral Care of Adolescents.



Prayer and Worship

This course will define prayer and worship and explore both within the documents of the Church. The course will also explore Jesus as a model and teacher of prayer. It will explore liturgical theology and norms. It will teach participants how to effectively plan prayer services and liturgical celebrations.



Justice and Service

This course will provide a detailed exploration of the history and theology of Catholic Social Teaching. It will examine each of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and provide age appropriate examples of catechesis, prayer and service opportunities for each of the themes.