

AREAS OF GROWTH

A. The Youth Minister as Adult Believer

This area refers to those experiences that foster the minister's personal growth as adult believer. Examples include: understanding and use of Scripture, growth in prayer, communication/listening skills, reflection on one's faith life and personal spirituality and an understanding of the Gospel call to witness and ministry.

B. Understanding Adolescents

This area refers to those experiences that assist the minister in understanding the person and context of the adolescent. This includes: faith, moral, cognitive and psychological development of younger and older adolescents, as well as understanding family systems, societal influences, youth culture, and learning styles.

C. Methodology of Youth Ministry

This area refers to those experiences that assist the minister in understanding and using effective skills, processes and methodologies. Examples include: curriculum development, group development, catechetical methodologies, program planning and ways to integrate culture, family and parish community in youth ministry.

D. Message of Youth Ministry

This area of growth refers to those learning experiences that provide knowledge and understanding of the elements of the Christian message. Message of Youth Ministry should enable people to see youth ministry as an integral aspect of Church ministry. It would include knowledge of Scripture, Doctrine, Creeds, Liturgy/Sacraments, Church, church history, Moral Living, and Social Justice. It would include documents from Vatican II, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the *General Directory for Catechesis*, *Renewing the Vision*, and other documents pertaining to ministry and adolescents.

TIPS FOR TEACHERS SEEKING CERTIFICATION

- Complete an assessment form that tells you what level of certification you currently have, and what level of youth ministry certification you will need.
- Develop a plan that will get you to that level of certification.
- Schools have days of reflection and in-service training days that could appropriately be counted toward faculty clock hours. Review the process for requesting approval for clock hours in *Rooted in the Vision*, or download information from our website at www.archbalt.org. Encourage your principal or religion department chair to submit the form.
- Each Elementary/Middle school principal receives youth ministry mailings, which include the latest in training opportunities. Or, find us on the web at www.archbalt.org/youngchurch. Click on training.
- The document that governs youth ministry certification is *Rooted in the Vision*. Each principal has a hard copy of this in a white binder titled "Formation & Certification." The document is also available in Adobe Format online at www.archbalt.org/youngchurch. Click on Certification, and then on *Rooted in the Vision*.
- Start a youth ministry "book club" at your school. Follow the ground rules for the club found at our website, and submit for clock hours.
- If you would like to discuss your own youth ministry certification, contact the Coordinator of Certification at 547.5372.

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CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

A GUIDE FOR FACULTY
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MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

FACULTY MEMBERS WHO ARE...	SHOULD RECEIVE THIS LEVEL OF TRAINING	INITIAL HOURS/ ACADEMIC CREDIT	AREAS OF GROWTH	VALID FOR A PERIOD OF	RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS
Of a faith tradition other than Catholic	Basics of Faith	N/A	N/A	N/A	Does not have to be renewed
Catholic but not teaching a course in Religion	Youth Ministry Certificate Level I *	30 clock hours	A minimum of 5 hours in each area of growth	3 years	15 clock hours during the period the certificate is valid, 2 hours in each area of growth
Teaching Religion courses on a full or part time basis	Advanced Certificate in Youth Ministry *	100 clock hours	A minimum of 15 hours in each area of growth	5 years	20 clock hours during the period when the certificate is valid, 3 hours in each area of growth

*All Youth Ministry certification levels require an in-service on “*Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, USCC, 1997.

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