

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Tuition is \$45 per 15 hour course and \$65 per 30 hour course for Diocesan Institute courses. Special rates are available for parish groups of 4 or more. There will be an additional cost of approximately \$15 to \$25 per course for books and handouts.

Fees for the Center for Ministry Development are in addition to Institute tuition costs.

WHERE ARE COURSES HELD?

Institute courses are offered at central diocesan sites as well as, periodically, at parish sites in North County, South Bay, East County and the Imperial Valley. Please see quarterly course schedules for the location of a particular course.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN COURSES ARE OFFERED?

Courses are held on weekdays, evenings and intensive summer sessions. Current course schedules are available from the Institute Office and will be mailed promptly on request. Contact the Diocesan Institute to be put on the mailing list for future information. The schedule and online registration are available on the Institute website.

Please contact the Office for Youth Ministry for a current schedule of Center for Ministry Development Courses.

Office for Youth Ministry
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Other diocesan certificates available through the San Diego Diocesan Institute:

Certificate in Catechetical Ministry

Certificate in Catholic Spirituality

Certificate in Catholic Scripture Studies

Certificate in Catholic Studies

Certificate in Liturgy

Certificate in Bereavement Ministry

Certificate in Marriage & Family Life

Certificate in Matrimonial Advocacy

Certificate in Social Ministry

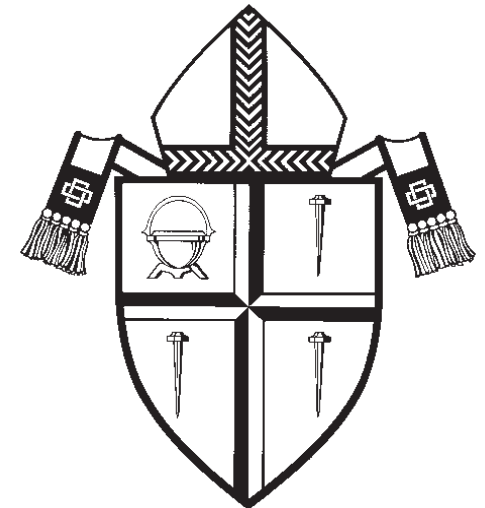
Contact the Institute for brochures detailing the course and practicum requirements for each certificate or see our website.

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WHY A CERTIFICATE?

The certificate in Youth Ministry offers adults college-level courses, in a schedule compatible with work and family demands.

The certificate program in Youth Ministry is the diocesan means of complying with the standards of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry of the USCCB. It is composed of two parts: Institute coursework with a practicum and the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies from the Center for Ministry Development of Nangatuck, CT.

The courses provide:

- a general orientation to basic aspects of Church teaching, i.e., the Bible, the Church and Sacraments, Spirituality, and Moral Theology;
- practical training to interpret and meet the challenges of contemporary Catholic living as it affects parish response to youth; and
- knowledge, skills and practical tools and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Acceptance into the certificate program requires completion of a Self Assessment Guide available from the Office for Youth Ministry. Once the assessment has been completed and returned, candidates will be interviewed by the Director of the Office for Youth Ministry. A Ministry Profile and a Parish Affiliation form from the Diocesan Institute must also be completed before applying for the certificate. These forms are available through the Institute Office.

WHAT COURSES DO I NEED?

Completion of the certificate requires a minimum of 210 clock hours obtained through the following Institute courses, plus 120 hours of Specialization courses through the Center for Ministry Development.

CORE

- C100 Basic Elements of Catholicism (No Credit)
- C110 Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hrs)
- C120 Local Church (15 hrs)
- C200 Intro. to Morality (30 hrs)
- C210 Intro. to Old Testament (30 hrs) **or**
two 15-hr courses from S300, S310, S320
- C220 Intro. to New Testament (30 hrs) **or**
two 15-hr courses from S350, S360, S370

GENERAL

- G130 Christology (30 hrs)
- G140 Ecclesiology (30 hrs)
- G150 Liturgy and Sacraments (30 hrs)

Candidates may be dispensed from courses on demonstration of equivalent background, but may transfer in only 90 clock hours from other institutions.

Specialization Courses from the Center for Ministry Development

- Course 1: Principles of Youth Ministry
- Course 2: Developing Youth Ministry
- Course 3: Foundations for Ministry Leadership
- Course 4: Skills for Christian Leadership
- Course 5: Pastoral Care
- Course 6: Prayer and Worship
- Course 7: Justice and Service
- Course 8: Evangelization and Catechesis

WHAT DO COURSES COVER?

Candidates should consult the Student Handbook available on the Institute website for complete course descriptions and information regarding prerequisites for courses. Please contact the Office for Youth Ministry for a current schedule of Center for Ministry Development (CMD) Courses, (858)490-8260.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

Candidates agree to attend class regularly, to complete reading and other class assignments, to participate in class discussion, and to pass all exams in Institute and Center for Ministry Development courses.

In addition to successful completion of Institute and CMD courses, candidates will be expected to show proof of competency in youth ministry programming through supervised programs. Graduates are also expected to comply with the continuing education requirements of the diocese.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Candidates may go at their own pace in pursuing the Certificate in Youth Ministry, depending on the availability of particular courses.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT?

Persons engaged or interested in the following avenues of Catholic life who could benefit from this certificate program include:

- Coordinators of youth ministry or those seeking to become coordinators
- Youth ministry volunteers
- High school campus ministers
- Directors of Catechetical Ministry