



Youth Ministry Certification

All Directors of Youth Ministry in the Arlington Diocese should pursue certification within their first three years of ministry. There are several different options available across the country to be certified. Life Teen and the Center for Ministry Development (CMD) both offer programs. However, the Arlington diocese has now created our own nationally recognized certification program that is accredited through the Franciscan University of Steubenville. This program is funded by the *Rooted in Faith Forward in Hope* endowment. A list of courses can be found on our website (www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth) and is outlined below:

Two-year Youth Ministry Certificate Program offered thru the Diocese of Arlington and Franciscan University. This two-year program includes 26 courses, each about 90 minutes.

Year 1 Courses include:

- Jesus, Incarnate Love
- The Mission of the Church
- A Vision of Effective Youth Ministry
- Mary, Model of Prayer
- The Church, the Body of Christ
- The Father's Plan for Salvation
- Jesus, Master of Disciples
- Jesus and the Apostles
- Jesus, Model of Evangelization
- Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts
- Jesus, in the World, but not of the World
- Methods and Practical Skills
- Jesus, Fullness of Revelation

Year 2 Courses include:

- John Paul II and the New Evangelization
- Teaching Catholic Sexuality
- Effective Catechesis in a Youth Ministry Setting
- The Christocentricity of Catholic Morality
- The Liturgical Mission of the Church
- Moving from Evangelization to Catechesis
- John Paul II's Understanding of the Family
- Theology of the Body
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Mobilizing Teens for Service, Leadership and Vocation
- General Introduction to Adolescent Development
- Counseling Teens in Crisis Situations
- Jesus, Source of Life and Freedom