
CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-014 THE PRACTICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

COURSE OUTLINE

The Practice of Youth Ministry – Renewing the Vision builds on Fowler’s Six Stages of Faith; the teachings of The General Directory for Catechesis, and the Magisterium of the Church; and documents from the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and provides religious educators, teachers, catechists, and youth ministers with a framework for Catholic Youth Ministry. Here, a new direction in the Church’s ministry with adolescents is presented and a call to personal discipleship, evangelization, and leadership is addressed.

General Course Objectives

1. Articulate the Philosophy, Goals, Principles, and Components of Youth Ministry.
2. Respond to the Church’s needs of Young People.
3. Share unique gifts of youth with the Larger Community.
4. Study the Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry.
5. Address the Call to Personal Discipleship, Evangelization and Leadership.
6. Respond to the new Challenges of and Opportunities for our Younger and Older Adolescents.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: The Growth and Development of the Church’s Ministry with Adolescents

- Identify and understand the various influences on the Church’s Ministry with Adolescents.

Week 2: Goals for Ministry with Adolescents

- Empower Young People to live as Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Draw Young People to responsible participation in the Life, Mission, and Work of the Church.
- Foster the total Personal and Spiritual Growth of each Young Person.

Week 3: Themes and Components for a Comprehensive Ministry with Adolescents

- Understand Comprehensive Ministry.
- Explore the Themes and Components of a Comprehensive Vision.

Week 4: Themes and Components for a Comprehensive Ministry with Adolescents

- Understand the Ministries of Advocacy and Catechesis.
- Explore the Ministries of Community Life, Evangelization and Justice and Service.

Week 5: Themes and Components for a Comprehensive Ministry with Adolescents

- Understand the Ministries of Leadership Development, Pastoral Care and Prayer and Worship.
- Explore a Guiding Image for Ministry with Adolescents.

Textbooks

[Renewing the Vision – A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1997.](#)

References

[Catechism of the Catholic Church.](#)

[General Directory for Catechesis.](#)

[The Holy Bible.](#)

Assessment

The Practice of Youth Ministry – Renewing the Vision consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.