

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program offered at St. Ambrose in conjunction with the Center for Ministry Development for those in ministry with youth ages 11 to 18, in both parish and school settings. It equips leaders with knowledge, skills, practical tools and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive youth ministry.

The program includes eight courses. The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. The certificate program is utilized in a number of ways:

- as an integrated formation program leading to a Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies
- as an enrichment or continuing education program for veteran leaders
- as a workshop series which can be taken on a course-by-course basis by professional or volunteer leaders

Program Benefits

Participants will experience the following benefits.

Confidence. Participants feel more confident in their youth ministry role because they have integrated and applied the most recent and innovative theory and approaches into their own setting and responsibilities.

Competence. The comprehensive sequence of courses provides a solid foundation of theory, theology and practical approaches, which can be applied in any parish or school youth ministry setting.

Credibility. This is a nationally recognized curriculum, offered in over 30 sites and sponsored by over 50 dioceses. Graduates of this curriculum are in parish, school and diocesan leadership positions across the country.

Credit Information Graduate and undergraduate credit is available for participants of the certificate program through St. Ambrose University. One credit is awarded for each weekend course for a total of eight credits. For tuition cost and credit information contact: Stella O'Rourke, 563/333-6083, OrourkeStellaJ@sau.edu.

Site and Schedule Courses will be offered on the St. Ambrose campus, 518 West Locust Street, Davenport, Iowa. The schedule for the courses is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day except Sunday which is 8 a.m to 4 p.m. There will be a Mass on campus Saturday evening at 5:15 p.m.

Registration and Fees The fee for each two-day course is \$175, which includes tuition, books, materials and refreshments. Parish or school team discount is \$175 for the first person, \$130 for the second and \$90 for the third. Each team receives one set of books.

Lodging and Meals Overnight lodging is available on campus at \$25 per night for a single room, or \$20 each for a shared room. If you wish to share a room, please list the name of your roommate on the registration form. Cafeteria lunch is available on campus at a cost of \$6.50 a day. A list of local restaurants for other meals will be supplied at sign in.

About the Center for Ministry Development Founded in 1978, the Center for Ministry Development is a non-profit organization that provides leadership training, consultation, resources and program services in the areas of youth ministry, young adult ministry, family ministry and religious education. The Center has been providing youth ministry leadership training through the certificate program since 1979.

For additional information, contact



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CERTIFICATE IN Youth Ministry Studies

designed for

Youth Ministry Teams

Youth Ministry Coordinators

Prospective Youth Ministry Leaders

Directors of Religious Education

High School Campus Ministers

Junior High Ministry Leaders and Catechists

Youth Retreat Coordinator



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CERTIFICATE IN **Youth** Ministry STUDIES

Cycle One Courses *offered summer 2008*

COURSE #1: **Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Pastoral Care**

Thursday, June 12–Friday, June 13

Explores the principles and methods of caring for young people from various cultures and their families. The course develops an understanding of the breadth and depth of pastoral care, family systems and adolescent development, and the role that cultural identity plays in the development of adolescents. The goal is two-fold: (a) to promote healthy adolescent development from a pastoral care perspective, and (b) to develop preventative interventions for families with adolescents. Instructor: Deborah McDonald

COURSE #2: **Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Evangelization and Catechesis**

Saturday, June 14–Sunday, June 15

Develops the foundations and practices for nurturing the growth of faith and Catholic identity in young and older adolescents. Participants will examine a contemporary approach to developing Catholic identity and practices, as well as exploring ways to promote a living relationship with Jesus in the lives of adolescents today. They will experience and analyze the postmodern culture and develop strategies for faith formation with adolescents in a postmodern world. They will learn creative approaches for evangelization and catechesis and develop skills and methods for evangelizing and catechizing adolescents. Instructor: Christina (Chris) Semmel

COURSE #3: **Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Justice and Service**

Thursday, July 10–Friday, July 11

Drawing from scripture, Catholic social teaching, adolescent development and contemporary catechetical principles, this course explores the foundations for fostering a justice and service consciousness within a holistic spirituality in youth. It

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leadership
development for
ministry with
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develops skills for creating integrated, action-learning models for the justice and service component of a comprehensive youth ministry. Instructor: Jane Angha

COURSE #4: **Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth Through Prayer and Worship**

Saturday, July 12–Sunday, July 13

Investigates the foundational role that prayer and worship have in fostering the spiritual growth of youth. Participants develop understandings and practical skills necessary for promoting youth participation in liturgy, fostering the prayer life of youth and preparing prayer services, and understanding the role of youth retreat experiences. Participants will apply these understandings by developing a realistic and integrated approach to worship within a comprehensive ministry to youth. Instructor: Shirley Kelter

Cycle Two Courses *offered summer 2009*

COURSE #1: **Principles of Youth Ministry**

Presents foundational understandings and principles for developing effective, comprehensive ministry with youth and older adolescents.

COURSE #2: **Practices of Youth Ministry**

Explores the development of comprehensive youth ministry through the collaborative sharing of community resources.

COURSE #3: **Foundations for Ministry Leadership**

Explores the theology, principles and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry.

COURSE #4: **Skills for Christian Leadership**

Addresses the theories and skills in principle-centered ministry leadership.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies

Registration deadlines: May 30 for June workshops
June 30 for July workshops

name _____

address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

phone w ____/____ h ____/____

email _____

parish or school name _____

Please register me for	first parish/school participant	second participant	third participant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care	\$175	\$130	\$90	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization and Catechesis	\$175	\$130	\$90	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Justice and Service	\$175	\$130	\$90	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer and Worship	\$175	\$130	\$90	\$ _____

On-campus housing reservations

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed., June 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wed., July 9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., June 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., July 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fri., June 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri., July 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sat., June 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sat., July 12 |

Total nights _____ @ \$25 per night \$ _____

or

Total nights _____ @ \$20 per night \$ _____

Roommate name _____

Tuition sub-total \$ _____

Housing sub-total \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

(check made payable to St. Ambrose University)



Mail this registration form and payment to:
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