

Certificate Requirements

Registration: You must register prior to attending a session(s) in order to receive credit toward the certificate. To register, please contact Clarissa Maciel (see back panel for contact information). After registration you will receive a checklist of requirements. Additional reading materials may be given.

Entrance Interview: After you have registered, the Executive Director of the Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries will contact you to set up an entrance interview. This is an opportunity to reflect on what you hope to get out of training. It is also an opportunity to set goals for your ministry and learn more about the diocesan vision for youth ministry.

Sessions: There are twenty-one sessions required for the certificate, each of which are offered at least every two years. Other events offered by the Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries may count toward a session(s) including: New DYM Orientation, Deeper Waters, In-service, and the Annual Meeting. Two full days of certificate training are held each year.

Annual Meeting: Attendance at the Annual Meeting at least once is required. This counts as the Personal Spirituality session.

Develop a Youth Ministry Resource: Toward the end of your training you will develop a youth ministry resource that could be published for use by other DYMs throughout the diocese.

Exit Interview: This is an opportunity to reflect on what you received from certificate training. You will be able to evaluate the progress made toward your goals and look at the best ways to continue growing as a DYM.

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There is no cost to attend the certificate training sessions. Expenses are covered through an endowment established by Bishop Loverde in the *Rooted in Faith, Forward in Hope* capital campaign. If you have questions about certificate training please call (703) 841-2559 or email youthministry@arlingtondiocese.org.

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2024 - 2025 CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM



"The Director of Youth Ministry will work to become certified in Youth Ministry within the first three years of ministry, and will continue to attend training and formation throughout their entire career."

-Vision Statement, Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries



THE PROGRAM

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Program is an in-depth initiative designed to provide formation for the Director of Youth Ministry (DYM), through presentations that are practical, academic, theological, and spiritual. Upon completion you will receive a Certificate in Youth Ministry that is given in the name of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The Diocese of Arlington has been working with Franciscan University of Steubenville to offer certificate training since 2008. Believing that the most significant factor in the catechetical endeavor is the individual catechist passing on a lived faith, Franciscan University has committed itself to assisting in the preparation of men and women equal to the task of catechesis in a youth ministry context.

The requirements to finish this program include attending twenty-one sessions, participating in the Annual Meeting, developing a catechetical resource, and completing both an entrance and exit interview with the Executive Director of the Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries. It can be completed in two years. Even if you are not able to attend every session in a given year, you may work toward the certificate over several years.

2024-2025 Sessions

August 28, 2024 *New DYM Orientation*

Diocesan Chancery, Arlington

Mr. Kevin Bohli

- A Vision of Effective Youth Ministry

September 16, 2024 *Certificate Training*

Good Shepherd, Alexandria

Dr. James Pauley, S.T.D.

- The Mission of the Church
- The Deposit of Faith: Scripture and the CCC
- Liturgical Nature and Sacramental Life of the Church
- Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization

November 21, 2024 *In-Service*

St. Luke, McLean

Deacon Ralph Poyo and Bridget Wilson

- The Year of Prayer
- Intercultural Ministry with Youth
How to apply cultural prayer into your ministry

April 8, 2025 *Certificate Training*

St. Ambrose, Annandale

Deacon Bob Rice, PhD

- Effective Catechesis in Youth Ministry
- Incarnational Youth Ministry
- Our Life in Christ: the Basics of Catholic Morality
- Theology of the Family

May 13-15, 2025 *Annual Meeting*

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House,

Faulkner, MD

Retreat Director: Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart

- Theology of the Body for Young People:
Speaker TBD

2025-2026 Sessions

The current program is being restructured and we do not have the list of sessions that will be offered in 2025-2026.

In the next year, we will be consulting with professionals in Youth Ministry and seeking their advice on the best sessions to offer. Our hope is to have the list of new sessions established by the Spring of 2025 and our first sessions being offered in the Fall of 2025.

If you will not finish the current Certificate Program by the Spring of 2025, we will honor the sessions you have already taken and will help you complete your Certificate within the two year mark if that is your goal.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact us at the number or email on the back of this brochure.

A complete description of the current sessions and requirements for completion can be found here.

