

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 and a list of readings to complete prior to the session.

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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2023 - 2024 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.

2023-2024 Sessions

August 24, 2023 *New DYM Orientation*

Diocesan Chancery, Arlington

Mr. Kevin Bohli

- A Vision of Effective Youth Ministry

September 6, 2023 *Certificate Training*

Good Shepherd, Alexandria

Dcn. Bob Rice, PhD

- The Story
- Engaging Youth Culture
- Methods and Skills for Youth Ministry
- Catholic Social Teaching

November 7, 2023 *In-Service*

All Saints, Manassas

Victoria Tripp, LCSW

- Adolescent Development
- Jennifer Cotnoir and Michele VanBellegem
- SafeTALK / Pastoral Care

April 17, 2024 *Certificate Training*

St. Agnes, Arlington

Mr. Jim Beckman

- Fostering Service, Leadership, and Vocation
- Partnering with Families

May 14-16, 2024 *Annual Meeting*

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House, Faulkner, MD

- Intercultural Ministry with Youth



2024-2025 Sessions

These are the other sessions required to receive the certificate and will be offered next year:

- The Mission of the Church
- The Deposit of Faith: Scripture and the CCC
- Effective Catechesis in Youth Ministry
- Our Life in Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality
- Theology of the Body for Young People
- Theology of the Family
- Incarnational Youth Ministry
- Liturgical Nature and Sacramental Life of the Church
- Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization
- The Church, the Body of Christ: Working with Bishops, Pastors, and Staff

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

