

## Registration Form

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Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish or School Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in: (please check)

- individual courses
- Principles of Youth Ministry
- Foundations for Ministry Leadership
- Practices of Youth Ministry
- Skills for Christian Leadership

completing all eight courses for a Certificate in Youth Ministry

For additional information, contact:

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*Mail this registration form and payment to:*

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Attn: Michelle Maher  
228 North Cascade Ave.  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903**

## Overview

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

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

*Participating leaders 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, whose graduates are in parish, school, and diocesan leadership positions all over the country. Students who successfully complete the requirements of the program receive a *Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies*, indicating the completion of this course of study.

## Year One Courses

### Course #1: Principles of Youth Ministry

*Principles of Youth Ministry* presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing an effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents. It examines the dynamics of promoting healthy adolescent development and faith growth. It presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for developing comprehensive youth ministry, which incorporates developmentally-appropriate youth programming, strengthens family life, involves young people as integral members of the faith community, and collaborates with civic organizations in a common effort to promote positive youth development.

**June 12-13, 2006 – Cheryl Tholke – Instructor**

### Course #2: Practices of Youth Ministry

*Practices of Youth Ministry* explores the development of comprehensive youth ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community. Rooted in a theological and pastoral vision of community life, this course develops foundational understandings that will assist leaders in setting and implementing a vision for dynamic ministry with youth. This includes skills for advocacy, planning, and organizing youth ministry efforts. Skills for collaborative leadership among ministries and within ministry teams are also developed.

**June 14-15, 2006 – Cheryl Tholke – Instructor**

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

*Foundations of Ministry Leadership* explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants learn how to empower individuals and teams of leaders for ministry with youth. The course combines theory presentation with experiential learning as participants explore (a) leadership theory and an assessment of styles for effective leadership; (b) theological and pastoral foundations for understanding leadership and empowerment; and (c) processes and tools for inviting, preparing and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

**July 31-August 1, 2006 – Dennis Mahaney – Instructor**

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

*Skills for Christian Leadership* addresses the theories and skills needed for principle centered leadership in ministry. Participants develop a practical, working understanding of leadership process and skills and the experiential ability to use the skills. The course stresses the application of leadership skills to various ministry settings, problems, and issues.

**August 2-3, 2006 – Dennis Mahaney – Instructor**

#### Year 2 Course Titles

- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Evangelization and Catechesis
- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Prayer and Worship
- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Justice and Service
- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Pastoral Care

### **Credit Information (if applicable)**

Graduate credit is available for participants of the Certificate program. One credit is awarded for each weekend course for a total of eight credits.

### **Site and Schedule**

Courses will be offered at Pastoral Center, 228 North Cascade Ave. The schedule for the courses is: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

### **Registration and Requirements**

- The fee for each course is \$75.00. This amount includes tuition, books, materials, and refreshments.
- The group rate is \$150.00 for up to 5 people.
- A one-time graduation fee of \$25 will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments.
- Overnight lodging is available at the Le Baron Hotel.

### ***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 and intergenerational ministry, and religious education. The *Center for Ministry Development* has been providing youth ministry leadership training through the certificate program since 1979.

## *The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies Program*

A series of courses that promote leadership development for ministry with adolescents

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*Designed for*

- Youth Ministry Coordinators
- Prospective Youth Ministry Leaders
- Directors of Religious Education
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- Youth Ministry Teams
- Junior High Ministry Leaders and Catechists
- Youth Retreat Coordinators

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