

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FAITH FORMATION (VLCFF)
FORMATION PATHWAYS

Advanced Youth Ministry Specialization

Basic-Level “First Things in Youth Ministry” Specialization + CMFP + 4 Required VLCFF Courses + 1 Elective Course

(\$240 to \$250.00 + cost of books)

1. Faith and Human Development (5 weeks)

- a. Introduction to Spirituality and Human Development Theories
- b. Spiritual Models of Development
- c. Launching into the Challenge of Adolescence and Early Adulthood
- d. Young Adult Through Middle Age
- e. Human and Spiritual Issues with the Elderly, 65 years and Beyond

2. A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry (5 weeks)

- a. A Listening Church
- b. The Gospel, a Message for Young People
- c. Integral Accompaniment
- d. Young People, the Subjects of the Church’s Ministry
- e. A Synodal Church

3. Relational Ministry with Youth (5 weeks)

- a. Relational Youth Ministry: Influence of Incarnation
- b. Relationships and Catholic Youth Ministry
- c. Bridging the Gaps: Parents and Pastoral Care
- d. Community Life: relationships with Peers and Parish
- e. Leadership Implications of Relational Youth Ministry

4. Prayer and Worship with Adolescents (5 weeks)

- a. My Prayer and the Prayer of the Church
- b. Understanding Prayer and Worship in Comprehensive Youth Ministry
- c. Personal Prayer in Comprehensive Youth Ministry
- d. Group Prayer and Ritual in Comprehensive Youth Ministry
- e. Introduction to Liturgical Prayer in Comprehensive Youth Ministry

In addition, you will need to select one of the elective courses listed below:

- Planning Youth Ministry Events (5 weeks)
- Administration in Ministry (5 Weeks)
- Principals for Addressing Diversity Issues in Youth Ministry (5 weeks)
- Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview (5 weeks)
- Spirituality of the Missionary Disciple (3 weeks)
- Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, and Human Sexuality Education (3 weeks)
- Introduction to Christian Morality (5 weeks)