

Online Ministry
Formation Program

Ministry Training Source

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National Online Ministry Formation Program
For Lay Ecclesial Ministers to Youth
Beginning March 15, 2004



Program Benefits:

Accessible
Individualized Collaborative
Credential

Get Connected!



Ministry formation is the key to effective ministry...
“Both temporary and permanent ministers are obligated to acquire appropriate formation which is required to fulfill their function properly and to carry it out conscientiously, zealously, and diligently.”

(Canon #231)

Program Partners:

Ministry Training Source, the (Arch)dioceses of Boise, Camden, Charlotte, Los Angeles, Monterey, Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Syracuse, and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods & Neumann Colleges

Key Program Elements & Characteristics:

- ⇒ Designed to meet the unique needs and realities of today's lay ecclesial minister by providing **access** to ministry formation utilizing a blended educational format, which includes primarily online training with limited face-to-face training.
- ⇒ The recently approved **National Competency-Based Standards** for Lay Ecclesial Ministers form the basis for the entire 12-course curriculum, as well as key church documents such as Renewing the Vision and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- ⇒ Participants have the opportunity to receive a **national certificate** in lay ecclesial ministry studies with a youth ministry specialization, local certification through partner dioceses, and the option of 12 hours of graduate credit or 18 hours of undergraduate credit.
- ⇒ The focal point of all learning activities is the enhancement of ministry skills in participants' current ministry setting, including providing a foundation in **applied Roman Catholic theology**.
- ⇒ **Outstanding faculty** with extensive ministerial experience, theological education, and experience and education in providing effective online learning.
- ⇒ The summer theological intensive onsite at the campus of either higher education partner is designed to provide an opportunity for **spiritual formation** and **theological education**.
- ⇒ The **collaborative learning experience** is designed to enable participants to interact with and learn from youth ministers from all over the country in rural, urban, and suburban settings.
- ⇒ The program is designed for **adults working with adolescents** in parish or school settings, including volunteers and paid professional staff.
- ⇒ A 360-Assessment process will be used to enable participants to establish **personalized learning goals** based upon their past ministry knowledge, experience, and skill level, and the needs of their current ministry setting.

Program Fees:

Program fee for the two-year program is \$3000 for participants in partner dioceses (\$3600 for non-partner diocese participants); this fee includes a computer for each participant, course tuition, and textbooks (travel to onsite courses is additional and will vary by site). If personal or work computer meets technical requirements, cost of computer can be applied to either onsite program fees or college credit hour fee.

For more information, contact the Office of Youth Ministry in a neighboring partner diocese or call MTS at 417.693.1882. To download application materials, visit: www.ministrytrainingsource.org (Online Formation Tab)

