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hammer,  
all problems look like  
nails.**

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**Stocking Your  
Youth Ministry Toolbox:  
Certificate Programs  
For Volunteer  
Youth Ministry  
Leaders**

# Certificate Programs for Volunteer Youth Ministry Leaders

## Two Levels of Training

- **Basic Training** is designed to provide fundamentals for those new to the ministry, or those who haven't received training.
- **Intermediate Training** picks up where basic training leaves off and provides knowledge, skills and practical wisdom for those who want to grow more effective in their youth ministry as volunteers or part-timers.

## What You'll Learn:

- How your parish can help youth become more faith-filled
- What you need to know to keep kids safe
- How to plan a calendar of exciting, meaningful events for teens
- How to share Christ with youth
- How to pray with teens
- How to get teens excited about doing service

For more information, contact your regional Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM):

Cincinnati Region: (513) 421-3131  
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Dayton/Northern Regions: (937) 223-1001  
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## Certificate Program Requirements

The **Basic Level I Certificate** is awarded upon completion of the following requirements:

- Three workshops offered by the OYYAM:
  - ◊ Introduction to Catholic Youth Ministry (2 hrs.)
  - ◊ Legal and Liability Concerns in Youth Ministry (2½ hrs.)
  - ◊ Youth Ministry Planning Basics (2 hrs.)
- Two 5-hour theology courses offered by the Office of Religious Education, or equivalent:
  - ◊ Basic Beliefs
  - ◊ Introduction to Scripture

The **Basic Level II Certificate** is awarded upon completion of the following requirements:

- Basic Level I Certificate
- Three workshops offered by the OYYAM:
  - ◊ Be the Word: 10 Powerful Ways to Share Christ with Young People (2 hrs.)
  - ◊ Pray the Word: Engaging Youth in Prayer (2 hrs.)
  - ◊ Live the Word: Engaging Youth in Service (2 hrs.)
- Two 10-hour theology courses offered by the Office of Religious Education, or equivalent:
  - ◊ Christian Morality
  - ◊ Hebrew and Christian Scriptures

The **Intermediate Level Certificate** is awarded upon completion of the following requirements:

- Basic Level II Certificate
- Leading Teens to God: Adolescent Faith Formation (10 hr. mini-course available through the OYYAM)
- Successful completion of 15 hours of approved additional seminars or workshops offered by the OYYAM
- Two additional theology courses (available through the Office of Religious Education, or equivalent)



## Are There Fees?

Basic Levels I & II workshops range from \$10-\$20 per session. Because other trainings can be designed in a variety of formats, a fee will be assessed for each based on the type and duration of the program, and for materials.

For Office of Religious Education trainings, please contact your regional ORE: Cincinnati (513) 421-3131; Dayton (937) 223-4075; Sidney (937) 498-1192.

**Important:** These are *certificate programs*, not certification. A certificate of completion from a *certificate program* acknowledges successful completion of an educational program. By contrast, *certification* is an official credential that recognizes demonstrated competence relative to approved standards, and requires a special application and assessment process.



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