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. VLCFF courses need a minimum score of "Good" (6-8).

($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 <u>one</u> 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)