V. Diocesan Courses and Methods of Instruction

The Diocesan Courses consist of eight Youth Ministry Leader Courses, two Pastoral Juvenil Hispana Courses, and three Core Competency Courses*. Descriptions and objectives of these courses can be found in Appendix A of this handbook.

To adequately cover the objectives the learner will participate in each course, offered by the OYYAM in an online learning format, requiring a minimum of 8 clock-hours. During this course time the learner will be required to: read assigned sections from course texts; watch assigned instructional videos; participate in online discussion making a minimum of required posts; participate in live video conferences; and complete a two to three page application paper at end of each course. The live video conferences are at set times, all other assignments and tasks can be done at the learner’s discretion as long as it is completed by the required deadlines.

The OYYAM considers interaction among youth ministry leaders in these sessions to be an extremely important part of the training. Therefore, participation in these courses is the usual way to fulfill the requirements. If it is impossible for someone to participate in certain certification course sessions, the individual may work with the OYYAM to explore independent self-study options to meet the requirements. No more than 25% of the Diocesan Courses may be completed as independent self-study. This does not include or overlap with additional clock hours in youth ministry methodology or theological study required for the Advanced Certificate in Youth Ministry.

Youth Ministry Leader Courses (YML)
Course YML 1.0: Introduction to Catholic Youth Ministry
Course YML 2.0: Adolescent Development and Youth Culture
Course YML 3.0: Application and Methodology
Course YML 4.0: Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation
Course YML 4.1.1/4.1.3: Evangelization and Catechesis
Course YML 4.1.2/4.1.6: Prayer and Community
Course YML 4.1.4/4.1.5: Catholic Social Teaching and Pastoral Care
Course YML 4.1.7/4.1.8: Youth Advocacy and Leadership

Pastoral Juvenil Hispana Courses (PJH)
Course PJH 4.2.1-4.2.5: Unity in Communion
Course PJH 4.2.6-4.2.11: Culture and Tradition

Core Competencies Courses (CC)
Course CC 1.0: Human
Course CC 2.0: Spiritual
Course CC 4.0: Pastoral

*Content for the Core Competencies 3.0: Intellectual is covered in completion of the Advanced Catechist Certification