Basic Level
Skills Workshops

Youth Ministers

20 Hours of Skills Workshops are required in addition to the 40 hours of Theology/Spirituality Courses for Basic Level Certification.
(Refer to FCS-6 from the basic level Spirituality & Theology Course)
(G workshops are General, for all ministers; Y workshops are for Youth Ministers)

1-G Using Scripture in Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop acquaints participants with ways of using Scripture for faith-sharing in a variety of settings that can be applied to their specific area of ministry.

2-G Leading Prayer in Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop teaches a variety of skills and methods for leading groups in prayer in various pastoral settings and situations.

3-G Integrating the Liturgical Year into Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop offers ideas for integrating the seasons of the church year into areas of ministry, using the appropriate signs and symbols of our faith.

4-G Community Building and Motivating Others in Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop helps ministers in their role as leaders in the wider community and as enablers of others in ministry.

5-G Preparing and Planning in Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop provides motivation for taking time to prepare for any ministerial event, and offers concrete techniques for long and short range planning.

6-Y What is Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop is an introduction to the essence of ministry, helping the participants to reach out to young people from a firm foundation.

7-Y A Vision of Youth Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop examines the specific nature of effective ministry with young people in the parish.

8-Y Models of Youth Ministry (2 hours)
This workshop examines a variety of ways to establish and nurture youth ministry that fits the needs of a particular group of young people.
9-Y Ministering in Adolescents' Culture (3 hours)
In this workshop, youth ministers will explore ways of responding to the developmental stages of the adolescent.

10-Y The Faith Process and Youth Ministry (3 hours)
Youth ministers will discover the relationships between youth ministry and catechesis, as well as understand appropriate faith expressions for youth.

11-Y Planning Youth Ministry (2.5 hours)
This workshop will give the 3 major dimensions in planning youth ministry. Participants will practice the skills integral to effective planning for youth ministry in all dimensions.

12-Y The Adult as a Youth Minister (2 hours)
Youth ministers will understand the scriptural basis for ministry and discover the need to be immersed in the Gospel message which ministry proclaims. The workshop will affirm the primacy of the spiritual life and the need to take time for personal reflection and prayer.

13-Y Youth Ministry & Liturgy (3 hours)
This workshop is a how to in basic planning for liturgies. The workshop will also include music for liturgical celebrations.

14-Y Creating and Planning Youth Retreats (3 hours)
This workshop offers ideas and skills for planning effective youth retreats, including day, weekend and overnight Lock-ins.

15-Y Today's Media (2 hours)
This workshop offers tips in how to use various media (computers, videos, etc.) for more effective ministry to youth.

16-Y Youth Ministry and Special Disabilities (2 hours)
This workshop will cover the mental, physical, emotional, & developmental needs of young people.

17-Y First Aide Class (hours depending on presenter)
This workshop offers training in dealing with emergency situations and administering first aide. (Red Cross Certification or comparable)

18-Y Sexual Abuse Workshop (3 hours)
This workshop is a requirement for all adults working with young people according to Archdiocesan Policy, and is scheduled by the Vice-Chancellor's Office.
19-Y  Liability Workshop (1 hour)

This workshop, offered by Catholic Mutual Insurance Group in collaboration with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, explains policies and procedures required for the protection and safety of young people at church-sponsored events and activities.

All workshops will be presented by qualified persons who have completed the Archdiocesan Orientation and Training for Workshop Presenters.