

Youth Ministry 101 Program Overview

Session 1 – A Vision for Youth Ministry

This introductory session will provide an overview on the goals, components, and vision of a comprehensive youth ministry. The goal of the session will be to help parishes identify a basic vision for youth ministry



Session 2 – Assessing the Needs of the Parish

This session will go over how to assess your parish through communicating a basic vision with parish staff and the parish as a whole, surveying the parents and youth, and facilitating a meeting for parents and possibly youth. The assessment process helps you to have a better understanding of those specific needs and also helps you to begin to identify key parents and other adults who may serve on a core team.



Session 3 – Building the Core Team

This session will discuss how to identify and recruit adults who will volunteer in youth ministry through a core team. We will go over how to structure a core team through various roles and responsibilities.



Session 4 – Methods I: Mapping out the Year

This session will cover how to systematically plan out your year by establishing a consistent meeting date, discussing types of youth gatherings, and discussing various methods on how to facilitate youth gatherings.



Session 5 - Methods II: Planning youth gatherings/Communicating to Teens and Parents

This session will cover how to plan an epic kickoff as well as methods on how to plan youth nights that are engaging and dynamic while at the same time hitting upon the social, catechetical, and spiritual elements. We will also discuss communication strategies to engage parents and teens including social media, Flocknote, etc.



Summer Core Team Training

Before we launch our youth ministry programs, there will be an opportunity for training adults in the areas of relational ministry, giving personal witness, small group facilitation, safe environment, as well as a number of other applicable areas.