Diocese of London Youth Ministry Certificate

# Overview

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| This two year, online program in partnership with the Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville will be the new standard of qualification for those working in Youth Ministry in the Diocese. |

# Expectations

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| **Online Components** | 19 track workshops and 5 electives over a two year period. Required workshops:   * Year 1 – A Vision for Effective M, Personal Spirituality & the Call to Holiness, Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization, Engaging Youth Culture, Partnering with Families, Intercultural Ministry with Youth Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry with Teens, Effective Catechesis in YM, Methods and Practical Skills for YM * Year 2 – Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts, Theology for YM, General Introduction to Adolescent Development, Mobilizing Teens for Service, Leadership and Vocation, “A Step Beyond”: Ministry Beyond the Parish, Counseling and Pastoral Care with Teens, The Church, the Body of Christ: Working with Diocese, Pastor and Volunteers, The Liturgical nature and Sacramental Life of the Church, Our Life in Christ: the Basics of Catholic Morality, Theology of the Body |
| **Local Mentor** | Each learner will be appointed a mentor from within the Diocese to support their journey. |
| **Formation Gatherings** | Three times per year learners and mentors will gather to participate in a pre-determined workshop together to support the human formation of the learners. |
| **Additional Notes** | Learners can begin any time that is good for them and are not required to take workshops in any particular order, although there is a suggested schedule. |

# Cost

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| **Catechetical Institute** | There are two options to connect with the Catechetical Institute. |
|  | 1. Parishes can buy-in for $300 US per year which allows for an unlimited number of learners for any of the available workshops for both certification and personal enrichment. Go to FranciscanAtHome.com/dol to register for this option. 2. Individuals can buy-in for $156 US per year. Go to FranciscanAtHome.com to register for this option AND inform Alexandria Fung at [afung@dol.ca](mailto:afung@dol.ca) so that proper arrangements can be made for a local mentor. |
| **Diocese of London** | An additional fee of $500 CAN per year is required to be paid to the Diocese of London to stipend the local mentor and support the Formation Gatherings. Once you have registered online and confirmed your participation in the program you will be invoiced by the Diocese. |

**Steps for Registration**

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| **Step 1 – Intent to Register Information** | To indicate your intent to participate in the program please fill out the form at [https://dol.ca/ymcertification](https://dol.ca/ymcertification%20) |
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| **Step 2 – Log on to Catechetical Institute** | Register with the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University of Steubenville. There are two methods of registering. Please choose one of the following   1. To register as a parish ($300 US per month, provides the entire parish with access) to go <https://franciscanathome.com/dol> and choose the “I am a representative of my parish or school and would like to register my institution” option. 2. To register as an individual ($12.99 US per month) go to <https://franciscanathome.com/> and choose the ‘mentored’ option at the bottom of the page. |
| **Step 3 – Go to Diocese of London Page** | Once you are on the landing page click on the “Partnering Dioceses” link and find “Diocese of London”. This can be found in the green bar at the top right of the page just to the left of Franciscan University of Steubenville. |
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| **Step 4 – Sign in to Youth Ministry Track** | 1. Locate and click on the Youth Ministry Track at the bottom left of the page. This takes you to the Youth Ministry landing page. 2. Click on “Request Mentor” on the right hand side of the page. 3. **If you have an individual membership you must email Alexandria at** [**afung@dol.ca**](mailto:afung@dol.ca) **to be assigned a local mentor.** 4. Those with a parish membership will be assigned a local mentor with no further action on your part. |
| **Step 5 – Start Learning!** | Let’s get started! You can click on “First Year Youth Ministry” under ‘Courses of Study” and start learning at your pace.  Your Mentor will contact you to determine the intended pace of your learning and the Diocese will reach out to confirm who to invoice for the Diocesan portion of the registration fee ($500 per year). |
| **Have Questions?** | If you have any questions or concerns don’t hesitate to contact Alexandria at [afung@dol.ca](mailto:afung@dol.ca) or 519-433-0658 |