



# The Office for Ministry with Youth

Accompanying Through, With, & In Christ  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

## OMY Adult Formation Opportunities

### The OMY Professional Development Track (The Track)

#### **The Track: STOP 1 > Ministry 101: Minister with Youth Orientation**

##### > What is Ministry 101?

A yearly, in-person training on basic practical skills in Ministry with Youth to help new Ministers establish healthy habits crucial to effectively engaging in the mission of ministering with young people. It becomes the foundation for their participation in Stop 2, Minister Cohorts.

##### > What topics are covered in Ministry 101?

Topics include the Vocation and Role of a Minister, Establishing Vision and Goals, Teams and Partnerships, Professionalism, and Basic Management Skills.

##### > Who can attend Ministry 101?

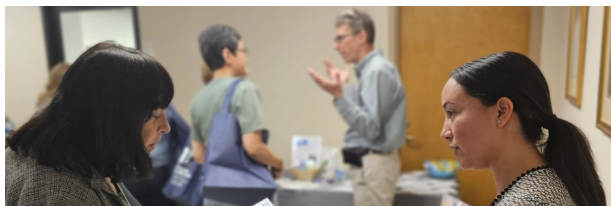
New Ministers with Youth with 3 years or less in their ministry role. We also welcome D/CREs, Confirmation Catechists, and Scout and CYO leaders, pastors, parochial vicars, and deacons.

##### > How much does it cost to register?

The cost is **under \$40** per registrant.

##### > When and Where is the next Ministry 101

Once a year at a pre-determined location | 9am to 4:30pm (typically)



*"Being brand new to Youth Ministry I left the workshop with an excellent understanding of the role and importance of Youth Ministry in our faith and local parishes. I also found a group of mentors and friends who are willing to help in any way. That kind of heartfelt support is amazing."* ~ Tina Angelo, DELCO Young Disciples

#### **The Track: STOP 2 > Minister Cohorts**

##### > What is a Cohort?

It is a one-year, one-hour-a-month on Zoom training on the 6 essential elements of Ministry with Youth.

##### > What are the 6 Essential Elements covered?

(1) Working with What you Have, (2) Building a Dynamic Team of Volunteers, (3) Loving Parents and Working with Them, (4) Developing More Than Free Labor, (5) Models of

Ministry, (6) Implementing Intentional Discipleship

##### > Who can participate in a Cohort?

All lay Ministers who complete Ministry 101 or have over 3 years experience in the field.

##### > How much does it cost to participate?

The cost is **under \$100** to participate. It includes MCODE assessment, in-person mid-year retreat, 1 on 1 coaching session, and all materials.



*"I have found the monthly Cohorts with the same youth ministers, both experienced and new, to be an invaluable way to grow as a youth minister. The monthly topics are very appropriate to our ministry. Gathering with the same cohorts each month builds trust among us to learn, be challenged and affirm our work with the youth, team members and parents. The process works!"*

~ Sr. Mary Ann Callahan, St. Margaret of Antioch, Narberth

#### **The Track: STOP 3 > Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies**

##### > What is the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies?

Through contact instruction, Ministers can expect to build a community of support and be equipped with the essential knowledge of ministry, spirituality, and practical skills needed to minister to teens today.

##### > What are the courses in the certification program?

Person of the Youth Minister, Context of Youth Ministry, Youth Ministry Management, Parish Infrastructure, Forming Missionary Disciples, Prayer & Worship, Forming Catholic Identity, and Pastoral Care.

##### > Who should register for certification?

All Ministers who have been in Ministry for at least 3 years.

##### > When will the Certificate program begin?

In 2026/2027. There is a minimum of 8 students required for each course.

##### > How much does the certification cost?

The cost may range between mid \$300's and mid \$400s per student per course (8 courses total). Fee includes each course book and food.



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### Professional Development “Beyond” The Track

#### > Professional Development Gatherings

Gatherings on topics relevant to Ministry with Youth, Minister care, and current youth culture and trends.

> Topics are presented by experts in the respective fields.



*"The formation events provided by OYM are unparalleled. When I have left the various formation opportunities, I am so grateful for it and how unknowingly necessary it was for me as a youth and young adult minister." ~ Lisa Kopertowski, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Doylestown*

#### > Continuing the Journey Conference

A bi-annual weekend conference for youth workers by the Archdiocese of Newark.

> Held every two years in April. The next one is in 2026.

> Fee has traditionally been under \$300 with on-site accommodations, less if staying off-site. Includes meals.

\*The OMY **highly** encourages participation due to its close proximity to our Archdiocese, excellent quality, and low cost.



*"Youth Ministers, we can only pour from full cups, going on Continuing the Journey is a weekend of letting God fill that cup, don't pass the opportunity up!" ~ Kevin Kozeniewski, Epiphany of Our Lord, Plymouth Meeting*

#### > Pastor Cohort

A FREE 7 session formation opportunity to equip pastors with a better understanding of the discipleship emphases required for reaching the young.

> Pastors identify challenges and outline strategies for parish growth and leadership, set future goals, and design ongoing partnerships.

#### > Zoom Gatherings

Presentations by offices and organizations that can serve as

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a resource for Ministers.

#### > Retreats

An overnight retreat opportunity in partnership with the Office for Ministry with Young Adults, to nurture the spirit of Ministers.

> They include a day option.



*"The OMY has been such a blessing to me and my ministry! They have connected me with other ministers in my area and supported me both professionally and personally by providing ongoing formation and self care opportunities. They are so passionate about supporting ministers in walking with the young people in our Church today." ~Megan Carey, Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr*

#### > Ministers Appreciation Mass and Dinner

An FREE evening in gratitude to our Ministers for their “all-in” accompaniment of our youth.

> June of each calendar year at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N 17th St., Philadelphia.

> Mass at the Cathedral at 5:15pm, followed by reception and dinner at the Top of the 2's in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

#### > Peer Mentorship and Deanery Families

Mentors for new Ministers and Deanery Family groups to guarantee peer support, collaboration, and empowerment.

> Parishes without a Minister with Youth may join the communications of a Deanery Family to stay “in the know” and collaborate in ministry with youth initiatives with peers in their geographical area.