



The Office for Ministry with Youth

Accompanying Through, With, & In Christ
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

OMY Adult Formation and Support

The OMY Professional Development Track (The Track)

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

> What is Ministry 101?

A yearly, in-person training on basic practical skills in Ministry with Youth to help new Ministers and those seeking to engage youth to 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 What is Ministry with Youth? (context, culture, language shift), the Personal Vocation and Role of a Minister, Establishing a Vision and Goals, Partnerships, Professionalism, and Basic Management.

> 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, deacons, and anyone interested in learning more about engaging and discipling youth today.



"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

> 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 4:00pm (typically)



"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 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.



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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 (next is 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



"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

quality, and low cost.

Resources, Spiritual Formation, and Pastoral Care

> Newsletter and Website

A way of sharing and providing relevant resources and opportunities.

> Retreats

A day retreat in partnership with the Office for Ministry with Young Adults, to nurture the spirit of Ministers.

> Ministers Appreciation Mass and Dinner

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

> End of May each calendar year

> Mass at the Cathedral at 5:15pm, followed by reception and dinner.



"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

> Peer Mentorship and Deanery Family Gatherings

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

> Parishes without a Minister with Youth may join and collaborate in ministry with youth initiatives with peers in their geographical area.