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CHRISTIFIDELES CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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DESCRIPTION:

15-month, 100-hour certificate program exploring current framework of youth/young adult ministry and the Partners in the Gospel context. Curriculum includes outreach projects at the end of each session, and equips ministers for successful youth ministry and young adult programs within the parish family setting.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS FOR:

Current and future youth and young adult ministers, and others who will minister to these age groups. Participants experience class as a cohort within the Christifideles program and will also benefit from retreats, evenings of reflection, and other Christifideles activities.

COST OF CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

	PER SEMESTER/COURSE	TOTAL COST (ALL 4 COURSES)
Tuition Cost	\$500	\$2000
Scholarship through Christifideles	\$375	\$1500
COST FOR PARTICIPANT	\$125	\$500

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULE:

Fall Term 2024: Evangelization and Pastoral Care Through Accompaniment

Following the Archdiocese of Seattle's Pastoral Plan, "Knowing Jesus Christ, Embracing His Mission," this course examines our call to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:18-20). True discipleship entails both the conversion of hearts and minds as well as the desire to accompany the next generation in their formative stages of life.

Tuition Payment Deadline **August 30**

Classes begin **September 7**

Christifideles Day Retreat **September 21**

*(Optional: Christifideles Fall Day of Reflection **November 6**)*

Classes end **November 4**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person Saturday classes, 9/7 and 10/5 (9am – 3pm)
- 4 online classes, 6-9pm (Mondays: 9/16, 9/30, 10/21, 11/4)
- Final project due 12/31

Winter Term 2025: Parish Life and Partners in the Gospel: Becoming interculturally and intergenerationally competent

Within the context of Partners in the Gospel, the faithful in the Archdiocese of Seattle are called to reimagine parish life. This course examines the need to grow in understanding of intercultural and intergenerational dynamics and equips the youth/young adult minister for success in the Partners parish setting.

Tuition Payment Deadline **January 10**

Classes begin **January 11**

(Optional: Christifideles Luncheon with Archbishop **January 29**)

(Optional: Christifideles Spring Day of Reflection **March 12**)

Classes end **February 24**

Course schedule:

- 1 in-person Saturday class, 1/11 (9am – 3pm)
- 5 online classes, 6-9pm (Mondays, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24)

Summer Term 2025: Spirituality for Ministers:

This course examines the essential role of discipleship for the youth/young adult minister: a personal life of prayer, spiritual development, and witness as the foundation of ministry. It also offers an array of practical tools for teaching sacraments and spirituality.

Tuition Payment Deadline **June 13**

Summer intensive **June 27-29, 2025**

Course schedule:

- 3-day in-person intensive (1:00pm Friday, June 27 to 1:00pm Sunday, June 29)

Fall Term 2025: Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Re-envisioned

Since the 1990s, youth and young adult ministry has been approached within the context of “Renewing the Vision.” This course revisits the new framework for youth and young adult ministry, based on Pope Francis’ “Christus Vivit” and the USCCB’s, “Listen, Teach, Send.” It also examines the practical topics of parish administration and equips the youth/young adult minister for success in the Partners parish setting.

Tuition Payment Deadline **August 29**

Classes begin **September 6**

(Optional: WSCC Workshop **September 27**)

Classes end **October 4**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person Saturday classes, 9/6 and 10/4 (9am – 3pm); with Closing Mass and Reception on 10/4
- 3 online classes, 6-9pm (Mondays, 9/8, 9/15, and 9/22)