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CHRISTIFIDELES CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

DESCRIPTION:

15-month 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.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Open **March 1, 2024**

Deadline to apply to Christifideles **May 31, 2024**

Decisions Announced **July 1, 2024**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND SCHEDULE:

Fall Term 2024: Theology of Accompaniment: Evangelization, Missionary Discipleship, and Pastoral Care

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) through the lens of youth and young adult ministry with an intercultural perspective.

Tuition Payment Deadline **August 30**

Classes begin **September 7**

Introductory Retreat **September 21**

Fall Day of Reflection **November 6**

Classes end **November 6**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person Saturday classes, 9/7 and 10/5 (9am – 3pm)
- 5 online classes, 6-9pm (Mondays: 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/21, 11/4)
- Final project due 11/30

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 practical topics of parish administration and equips the youth/young adult minister for success in the Partners parish setting.

Tuition Payment Deadline **January 3**

Classes begin **January 11**

Archbishop Luncheon **January 29**

Spring Day of Reflection **March 12**

Classes end **March 1**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person Saturday classes, 1/11 and 3/1 (9am – 3pm)
- 5 online classes, 6-9pm (Mondays, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17)

Summer 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 examines the new framework for youth and young adult ministry, based on Pope Francis’ “Christus Vivit” and the new USCCB framework document, “Listen, Teach, Send.”

Tuition Payment Deadline **June 13**

Summer intensive **June 2025**

Course schedule:

- 3-day in-person intensive week (6/27-29)
- 3 online classes, 6-9pm (Mondays, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28)

Fall 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 **August 29**

Classes begin **September 6**

Introductory Retreat **TBD**

Fall Day of Reflection **TBD**

Classes end **November**

Course schedule:

- 2 in-person Saturday classes, 9/6 and 10/4 (9am – 3pm)
- 5 online classes, 6-9pm (Day TBD)

COST OF CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

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