

January 2014

***Dear Pastor & Youth Ministry Leaders,***

***Greetings of peace in Christ Jesus!***

Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers (WCACYM) has been annually sponsoring the SUMMER SEMINARS for youth ministers and volunteers in Western Canada since 1991. To date, more than 400 students have studied and benefited from the ongoing youth ministry training held each summer.

We will continue providing a two-track program of learning which will provide the following:

- 1) Certificate Courses which will lead to the Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies (CCYMS)
- 2) Enrichment Courses, which will equip youth ministry leaders with practical ideas and challenge them as well to growth in the Catholic faith.

The two courses will run concurrently. Our target dates this summer will be July 19-25, 2014 at Queen's House of Retreats in Saskatoon. Please peruse through our brochure for details.

**CERTIFICATE COURSES (Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies {CCYMS})**

There are 8 courses that lead towards the Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. We offer it during a period of 3 summers in a rotating cycle. Certificate holders get to be trained in Comprehensive Youth Ministry – a framework of youth ministry that helps to bring holistic faith formation to our youth. Students learn to collaborate effectively with others, with an emphasis on drawing the gifts and talents of the lay faithful in the parishes and/or schools they are serving.

The facilitators are trained Catholic professionals working within the Canadian Catholic Church. It is in this context that they present the certificate courses so as to fit into the Canadian Catholic milieu. Our Association (WCACYM) is collaborating with the Redemptorists of English Speaking Canada to bring about this Certificate Program to you. This Certificate was created and is owned by the Center for Ministry Development (CMD) from Naugatuck, Connecticut. The Center for Ministry Development is an affiliated member of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), which helps provide the resources, training and direction for Catholic Youth Ministry across North America.

**ENRICHMENT COURSES**

It will be 4 days (July 22-25) covering topics concerning youth ministry today and open to any interested adult. Particular details to register along with cost will be shared on our website [www.wcacym.ca](http://www.wcacym.ca). It is our hope this can help address the need to make the great experience of Summer Seminar reach a broader audience beyond just those interested in the certificate program, and align well with other training initiatives of Dioceses and Eparchies of Western Canada. Should you be interested to send a person or two to the Summer Training Seminars, please contact:

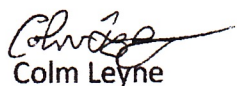
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With hopes that we may work together in bringing about God's kingdom in the hearts and minds of our youth.

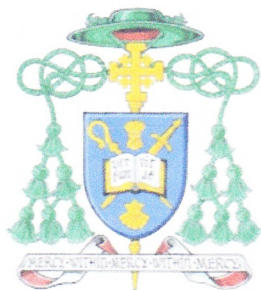
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**Re: Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies**

Dear leaders in youth ministry,

Warm greetings in the Lord. I am writing to encourage you to participate in and share the word about the Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies. Youth ministry is a very important ministry in our communities and the certificate is an excellent means to develop skills in youth ministry. The Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers (WCACYM) has sponsored summer seminars since 1991, and over 400 students have studied and benefitted from these seminars. This year's seminars will take place at Queen's House in Saskatoon, July 19-25, 2014.

The Certificate Program is an excellent opportunity to learn new skills in sharing our Catholic faith with youth, hear about current issues in youth culture, share ideas with others, work as part of a learning team and experience community among other youth leaders praying in and through Christ.

This certificate was created and is owned by the Centre of Ministry Development from Naugatuck, Connecticut, and in Canada it is administered by the Redemptorists of English Speaking Canada.

A variety of persons take the Certificate Program: parish youth leaders, Diocesan/Eparchial youth leaders, teachers, pastors and others who work with youth in the name of Christ. While it focuses on youth ministry in the Catholic Church, youth leaders from other Christian communities have benefited from the program as well.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and thank you for your ministry for and with our youth.

Yours in Christ,

† Donald Bolen  
Bishop of Saskatoon

Liaison: Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops



*In all things we are rooted in Christ,*





# C.C.Y.M.S.

## The Canadian Certificate In Youth Ministry Studies Program

January 2014

Greetings to those working with and interested in Youth Ministry,

In collaboration with the Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers (W.C.A.C.Y.M.), we are pleased to provide you with the most comprehensive Catholic youth training and formation opportunity in North America. The knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques acquired through these courses, provide you with the competence and personal growth needed for creative and effective ministry with youth. Taught by enthusiastic, committed and energetic instructors, you will confidently support youth in their faith journey.

As important and vital members of our church, young people have specific needs and interests that shape how to journey with them in faith. A proven teaching program offered in the US, Ireland, Scotland and Canada, the Redemptorists fully endorse the Canadian Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies as an imperative formation process for those who work directly with youth in ministry settings.

Consisting of eight courses, this training program is designed for professional and volunteer leaders in parish and Catholic school ministry with adolescents. Youth ministers, religious educators, clergy, chaplains, campus ministers, and school teachers would be enriched by participating in this program. This certificate is well recognized across Canada and is often required when applying for jobs in youth ministry.

W.C.A.C.Y.M. has a strong history of coordinating this training program in Western Canada by offering these eight courses through a one week Summer Seminar each summer over a three year cycle. Courses dates and facilitators are all in place to welcome students on July 19-25, 2014.

We enjoy our ongoing collaboration with W.C.A.C.Y.M. and hope that you who participate in this training, along with the youth you serve, are blessed with much success in your ministry efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,

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