



Every few years, the Youth Office has tried to get a survey out to all parish youth ministry contacts to assess all the good things going on in parishes and to try to identify some of the needs that are out there and to hear ways in which the office can be of some help. Last spring the survey focused on several areas. Many positive comments as well as great suggestions came back. The questions centered around the following focus areas:

- **Leadership Training**—This includes providing training for parish staff and leadership, coordinators of youth ministry, adult youth ministry team members and youth leaders.
- **Resourcing**—This includes providing and identifying resources needed for parishes to implement effective youth ministry.
- **Consultation**—This includes providing assistance for parishes through on-site visits, telephone or e-mails, or other input or recommendations by Youth Ministry Office.
- **Direct Ministry**—This includes strategic gatherings of youth on a diocesan level to support the development of parish youth ministry.

One of the most important questions on the survey was to hear from you, as to what you saw as a priority. You were asked to rank in order of priority from 1 (highest) to 4. Here is a summary of how that came out.

Priorities	Overall		Urban breakdown		Rural breakdown	
	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
Leadership/Formation Training	82%	18%	91%	9%	78%	22%
Resourcing	48%	52%	36%	64%	56%	44%
Direct Ministry	44%	56%	54%	46%	38%	62%
Consultation	31%	69%	18%	82%	38%	62%

Here is a sampling of a couple of actions taken as a result of the two top priorities.

Action: Priority #1 Leadership/Formation Training (82%)

1. Provided more *Empowering Adults Volunteer Training* classes (especially in the rural area). Trainings were held in 3 sites this fall, 2 sites this spring with approximately 12 different parishes participating. **(Anyone interested in bringing this to your area please let the Youth Office know).**
2. Began development of Youth Ministry Certification levels to help *interested* individuals with a personal learning/formation plan. The goal is to have the complete process finished and ready to be implemented within the next two years to those who are interested.

Action: Priority #2 Resourcing (48%)

1. Again this year we were able to provide to every parish and school a free subscription to the online *Youth Ministry Access* resource. You might be interested in knowing that 83% of the respondents took advantage of this great resource. Hopefully we can continue to make this available to you.
2. Establishment of a Facebook page that could be used as a tool for those in ministry to network and resource each other without having to travel great distances to gather. Fan page name *'Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Ministry'*

Suggestions from the field

1. Develop a calendar to help parishes publish their events to surrounding communities as well as clear/easy to read calendar on the website with diocesan events.
2. Use technology more to bring some of the trainings to the rural area.
3. Scholarship availability for programs.
4. More in-services/programs/networking in the rural area.

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'Archdiocese of
Omaha Youth Ministry'



- Network with others who do ministry with young people
- Keep up on Archdiocesan Youth Ministry events
- Easy links to helpful websites
- And more!!!!

Simply create a Facebook account, type in 'Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Ministry' in 'search'

Or go to the Youth Ministry page on the Archdiocesan website and click the provided link.

(Must be 19 to become a fan)



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Over \$10,000 from the Archdiocese of Omaha

Some recipients of donations:

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Simon House

Blessings for Baby

Haiti Relief

Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn

Catholic Charities

Something to think about

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- Do you use high school youth as junior counselors or leaders for vacation bible school, confirmation retreats, etc? If so, how do you train them?
- Does the training include small group facilitation, communication, skills, prayer, community building, mass planning, decision making?
- Do your youth ministry efforts provide opportunities for young people to develop life skills?

Provide your young people with the opportunity to add to their college scholarship and job applications 'Leadership Training'.

Catholic Leadership Institute June 6-11, 2010

Youth Leadership

Many young people have the potential to be leaders, and they should be identified and empowered so that they can assume roles of leadership, particularly among those of their own age group. They should be challenged and educated in how best to use their God given gifts and graces and talents, which they have now, for it is at the springtime of their lives when they a zeal and idealism which they ay never have again.



We ,must ceaselessly look for ways to attract theme so they can experience the great love our prodigal heavenly Father has for them. And once awakened to this love, they indeed can be the sentinels of this millennium. I submit that this ministry to our young people and calling them to be leaders is one of the most critically important ministries to which we ourselves are called.

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Teens Encoun- ter Christ



Omaha Dates

March 20-22

Rural Dates

March 20-22 Bloomfield

July 10-12 Oakdale

Applications available:

www.archomaha.org/education/cffo/youth-ministry/tec.html



Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)

June 6-11

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| Camp Drexel 1 | June 21-25 |
| Youth Serve 1 | June 27-29 |
| Camp Drexel 2 | June 28-July 2 |
| Camp Drexel 3 | July 5-9 |
| Youth Serve 2 | July 11-13 |
| Camp Spiritus 1 | July 12-16 |
| Camp Spiritus 2 | July 19-23 |
| Youth Serve 3 | July 25-27 |
| S.W.A.T. Week | July 25-30 |

Information/applications available
online