



MARONITE YOUTH CERTIFICATION ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR THE EPARCHY OF ST. MARON

Purpose:

The Eparchy of St. Maron is launching a free online program of 12 workshop tracks through the *Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University* to certify our parish volunteers. Youth leaders in parish faith formation (religious education) are invited to participate in a program to inspire, educate, train, and enhance your knowledge and skills in handing on the Catholic faith to the youth that you serve. The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Sisters will coordinate this program for the Eparchy with the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University.

How:

Each track offers a one-hour workshop professionally filmed with a live audience. Art, innovative media, music, and other creative elements have also been incorporated. You may take these online tracks in the convenience of your home at your choice of day and time via a computer. Likewise, all source material is provided in a user-friendly manner, designed for those not used to online learning platforms, while each one-hour workshop is broken up into 10-15 minute segments for ease of viewing.

Workshop Tracks:

For a list of the 12 required workshop tracks and a brief summary, see the 2-page attachment to this flyer.

Certification:

After each workshop track is completed with review questions submitted, an assigned mentor will read your reflections and offer constructive comments. At the successful completion of these 12 tracks, the Eparchy will present you with a document certifying you as a Youth Advisor in Level I of the program.

Registration:

To enroll in these workshops, you will need:

- Permission of pastor
- On-line access instructions, email the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Sisters: sister@maroniteservants.org.

Materials Needed:

- Catholic Bible
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- On-line reading resources are provided in the program.

Costs:

No cost to you. The cost for this program is covered by the Eparchy.



See Following Pages for a Complete Listing of the Workshop Tracks



Workshop Tracks for Eparchial Formation and Certification of Maronite Youth Advisors

1. A Vision for Effective Youth Ministry

What is *good* youth ministry in today's Church? Every ministry to young people needs to have a *clear* mission and purpose, rooted in the larger mission of the Church, and needs to be able to identify clear values in the way that ministry is carried out. In this workshop, we look specifically at the essential components to a *vibrant, effective* approach to parish ministry for young people.

2. Effective Catechesis in Youth Ministry

The craft of passing on the faith is *never* a generic work. It is specifically attuned to those being drawn towards the Lord's goodness. This workshop looks at the *distinct* features of adolescent catechesis as discussed by the National Catechetical Directory, with practical examples of how to utilize them in a youth ministry setting.

3. Incarnational Ministry: Relational Ministry with Teenagers

This model of "incarnational ministry" should be at the foundation of our efforts to reach teens. For ministry to be effective, it *has* to be intentionally and consistently *relational*. As St. John Bosco once wrote that it was important "not only that the (youth) be loved, but that they know they are loved." We explore how to do that *safely* and *effectively* in the current culture.

4. Methods and Practical Skills for Youth Ministry

For youth ministry, though many elements of methodology are discussed in our other workshops, this workshop provides an opportunity to have *specific* questions answered about the ecclesial method applied to adolescents, retreat and semester planning, and effective ways to speak to groups of teens.

5. Mobilizing Teens for Service, Leadership and Vocation

This workshop addresses the *critical* nature of outreach and service, and offers excellent resources for mobilizing teens for service and leadership. It also addresses the apostolic nature of the Church, and the great gift of priestly and religious vocations, helping youth ministers to understand how to draw young people into a greater awareness of that gift.

6. Partnering with Families in Youth Ministry

The responsibility of passing on the faith to a young person begins *first* and *foremost* with his or her *family*, particularly the parents. It is therefore *essential* that those in youth ministry understand their role is to provide support, empower, and partner with families.

7. The Human Person in God's Loving Plan

Flowing from the workshop called, "The Human Person," this workshop addresses three of the major components of the human person and their relevance to the unfolding of God's plan of loving kindness: our creation in the image of God and His call to transformation by grace into His likeness; our creation as male and female; and the unity of body and soul in the human person.

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8. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

This workshop will introduce participants to biblical catechesis through the use of *the Story of the Bible*. The Story of the Bible portrays the drama of God's love for every soul and the whole human race: how God created us to be united with Him in a relationship of love; how we lost union with God through the original sin; how Jesus re-united us with God in a relationship of love through His passion, death and Resurrection; and how the Holy Spirit fosters a continuing unfolding of those saving events in the life of Church, as the Lord's Bride.

9. Our Life in Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality

This workshop offers a summary outline of the basic principles of Catholic morality and how our moral life is rooted not merely in a code of ethics or a set of rules, but profoundly in the *Person of Jesus*. It discusses some of the major moral issues we face in our society today, and equips all who teach the faith — whether youth ministers, catechists, Catholic school teachers, and so on — with the tools to establish a *sure* foundation for right moral thinking, both in themselves and in those to whom they minister.

10. Personal Spirituality & the Call to Holiness

"Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us" (CCC 2560). Jesus not only desires to have a relationship with youth, but with youth *ministers* as well. In fact, God cares *more* about doing ministry to people than he cares about people doing ministry for others. This workshop focuses on God's intense love for us, and places that personal relationship as the center for all our ministry.

11. Maronite Liturgy - Chorbishop Seely

12. Maronite Liturgical Season - Chorbishop Seely

Optional Electives for Personal Enrichment

A. The Deposit of Faith: An Introduction to the Catechism

This Deposit of Faith is summed up for our times in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We will look at this important teaching tool for catechesis in this workshop, to discover how we, too, can effectively pass on the precious deposit of Christian teaching.

B. Praying with Scripture: Lectio Divina

Come and experience the prayerful pondering of sacred Scripture in the timeless *Lectio Divina* in which the Holy Spirit makes a connection between the passage and one's own life. This way of praying with the Word of God incorporates the *natural* development of relationship, which derives from the way God has touched and drawn human hearts down through the ages. During this workshop, you will learn the four stages of *Lectio Divina*, which will help prepare you to share in this rich treasure of prayer.