

Competency-Based Standards For the Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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The Person of the Minister

1. The Coordinator of Youth Ministry is a person of Catholic faith who strives to live a life guided by the Gospel, rooted in regular prayer, and live out in the Catholic community.

Theology

2. A Coordinator of Youth Ministry's faith has been formed in the Catholic theological tradition; a coordinator is knowledgeable in Sacred Scripture, Christology, Ecclesiology, Catholic Doctrine, Sacramental and Moral Theology.

Leadership and Administration

3. A Coordinator is an effective leader and administrator; skilled in communication, pastoral planning, budgeting, legal concerns and managing volunteers.

Foundations of Youth Ministry

4. A Coordinator of Youth Ministry understands the needs, development, and culture of youth and is able to effectively respond to these in ministry and programming.
5. A Coordinator of Youth Ministry understands and can effectively apply principles, processes and methods of:
 - a. adolescent evangelization
 - b. adolescent catechesis
 - c. individual, communal and liturgical prayer in ministry with young people.
 - d. building community with young people.
 - e. pastoral care for youth.
 - f. youth formation in justice and service
 - g. leadership development for adults and youth in youth ministry
 - h. advocacy on behalf of youth and youth ministry
6. A Coordinator of Youth Ministry understands the critical role that families play in the healthy formation of youth and can effectively integrate a family perspective into youth ministry.
7. A Coordinator of Youth Ministry understands the importance that cultural heritage brings to the development of faith. A Coordinator of Youth Ministry can integrate multicultural experiences into all dimensions of youth ministry and can respond to the unique needs of youth from various cultural heritages.
8. A Coordinator is knowledgeable about, and able to effectively utilize a variety of resources in youth ministry.