

Institute for New Youth Ministers

Most youth ministers enter the field with energy, enthusiasm, idealism, and the hope of making an eternal difference in the lives of many young people. Few begin with the intention of an early exodus, yet, ironically, that becomes the destiny of many.

The *Institute for New Youth Ministers* (INYM) is about increasing the tenure of new youth ministers, and therefore, their long-term effectiveness in reaching teens with the gospel. Teens need the stability of a consistent youth minister. Parishes need the wisdom and experience of veteran youth workers. New youth ministers need to be adequately prepared for a role often riddled with unanticipated potholes, curves, and fuel shortages. A new youth minister needs to understand the challenges of the terrain, and given a road map for building dynamic, disciple-making youth ministries that transforms the lives of young people, and all the while staying healthy themselves. The INYM is all about this and more.

At the INYM you will:

- ▶ **Discover** how to honor your first call: building a passionate relationship with Jesus.
- ▶ **Learn** how to build a vision that inspires and encourages investment.
- ▶ **Understand** how to best focus your first years of ministry.
- ▶ **Gain** valuable skills in ministering to teens.
- ▶ **Grow** in your ability to manage the essential relationships in youth ministry.
- ▶ **Build** a youth ministry that is passionate about growing teen disciples.
- ▶ **Cultivate** a healthy lifestyle.
- ▶ **Be encouraged** by veteran youth workers as they share from their experience.



THE DETAILS

INYM will be held at beautiful Techny Towers near the Chicago North Shore (www.technytowers.org), just minutes from Chicago-O'Hare Airport.

Participants are housed in double guest rooms with private baths. All are equipped with individually controlled heating and air conditioning.

The \$579 fee covers housing, all meals and evening receptions, workbook, and some essential youth ministry resources.

The 2009 INYM Faculty



Dr. Robert McCarty

Bob is the Executive Director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. He is a 36 year youth ministry veteran, and has trained thousands of youth ministers internationally. Bob is the author of many publications, including the books, *Thriving In Youth Ministry*, *Be A Champion of Youth*, and *Teen to Teen*. Bob serves as a volunteer youth minister in his own parish. Bob is married to Maggie and has a grown daughter, Shannon.



Mike Patin

Mike is a twenty-five year veteran of youth ministry. He is an international conference speaker, and popular ministry trainer who has presented in over 95 dioceses. Mike has worked with teenagers and adults in a variety of settings, including high school and diocesan youth ministry. In 2006, he received the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award for Training. Mike is married to Marlene and has one daughter, Megan.



Ela Milewska

Ela is an Associate Staff Member of Cultivation Ministries where she has trained thousands of youth ministers nationally. She is a eighteen year veteran of youth ministry, serving as a parish youth minister, and a diocesan director of youth ministry. She is presently working on her PhD in Catechetics/Religious Education at Catholic University in Washington and is the Project Coordinator for the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis.

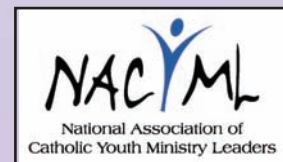


Frank Mercadante

Frank is the Founder and Executive Director of Cultivation Ministries. He has authored numerous youth ministry articles and books including *Growing Teen Disciples*, *Positively Dangerous*, and *Make It Real*. He served as a parish youth minister for ten years and has trained youth ministers internationally. He received the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award for Training in 2008. Frank is married to Diane and has six children.



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Schedule Overview

Tuesday, July 28

- ▶ Catholic youth ministry: A new map for a changing territory.
- ▶ Moving from surviving to thriving in youth ministry.

Wednesday, July 29

- ▶ Developing a disciple-making plan and strategy for your youth ministry.
- ▶ Recruiting & growing an empowered adult volunteer leadership team.
- ▶ The Youth Minister's 1st call.

Thursday, July 30

- ▶ Moving to the next level: Doing third generation Catholic youth ministry.
- ▶ Building the essential relationships (pastor, staff, parents, and teens).
- ▶ Evangelization in a post-modern world

Friday, July 31

- ▶ Effective program design and implementation.
- ▶ The practical nuts and bolts of being a parish youth minister.

From Past INYM Participants

"This experience was thoroughly executed with professionalism! I expected national experts and that's precisely what I got. Sessions were intense, practical and engaging. Participating in the Institute has given me an arsenal of information, tools, and resources. Thank you for your commitment to educating newbies in the field!"

Amy Razayeski
St. Francis/Anselm, Gates Mills, OH

"This conference was exactly what I needed. The talks were effective and straight-forward. I was expecting something to help me survive another year. Instead, I feel this will help me have a great program that will last for years. I am recommending this Institute to all my diocesan youth ministers."

Deil LaLande
St. Martin de Porres, Lake Charles, LA

"I was expecting practical & useful information and my needs were met. It will have a great effect on my parish youth ministry. Before this institute I was overwhelmed with fear and anxiety. I am confident now that I am heading in the right direction with the right tools."

Gina Boggess
Sacred Heart, Princeton, WV

"The week spent at INYM was one of the most valuable things I could have ever done for my ministry. The amount of knowledge and experience that was shared with us this week was unbelievable. The relationships that were built with other people in my field is what will keep me going through the 'throw in the towel' days. I am not only going back to my parish with the fire and excitement back into my ministry but with passion and lifelong friends."

Joey Straub
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem, PA



"The INYM helps you focus on developing the right vision, the right lifestyle, the right relationships, and the right practical methodologies for growing a disciple-making youth ministry."

Registration Form

Register by May 15 and save \$50.00

fax: 630.549.0188
mail: INYM:Cultivation Ministries
PO Box 662 Saint Charles, IL 60174
call: 630.513.8222
or register online at: www.cultivationministries.com/inym1.html

participant _____

title _____ daytime phone _____

diocese _____

parish _____

street address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

email address _____

pastor's name _____

Payment

- \$529 - before May 15 \$579 - after May 15
 Check (make payable to Cultivation Ministries)
 Credit Card: Visa MasterCard

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General Policies/Registration Confirmation:

Registrations are due no later than July 15, 2009. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email (please provide a valid email address).

Cancellation Policy: Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE • You may send an alternate attendee in place of any other registered attendee.

Scholarships: There are a limited amount of partial scholarships available. If you are in need of assistance, please email us and we will send you a scholarship application.



**First Years in Youth Ministry?
Get Intensively Prepared!**



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YOUR FIRST YEARS ARE CRITICAL

In youth ministry, your first several years are performed in "make or break" territory. Starting out right can be the difference between:

Bursting out of the gate with the right focus and pace **VS.** Pre-mature retirement

Growing an effective, disciple-making youth ministry **VS.** Floundering from activity to activity

Powerfully thriving **VS.** Barely surviving

Imagine a gathering where nationally recognized youth ministry experts identify what they wished they knew when they began as youth ministers. Picture a conference that addresses the common trouble spots, and the real, but often hidden issues that can make or break a youth ministry. Consider a gathering that helps you focus on the essential elements that lead to a fruitful, disciple-making youth ministry, and you have:

THE INSTITUTE FOR NEW YOUTH MINISTERS

Designed by veteran youth ministers, the INYM is a preparation checklist and road map just for you! The four day conference will help new youth ministers (0 to 4 years experience) focus on developing the right vision, the right lifestyle, the right relationships, and the right practical methodologies for growing a vibrant, disciple-making youth ministry.

The INYM is a great way to begin a great call and profession. Do yourself a favor and start right!

