

OnCourse

Online Ministry Formation Sponsored by NACYML



2008 - 2009 Course and Retreat Catalog

Are you OnCourse?

Last year, the National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders (NACYML) in association with Ministry Training Source (MTS) offered an online course entitled "Co-Workers in the Vineyard." This course was so well received and such an overwhelming success that the program has been expanded to include a vast array of online courses and seasonal retreats. This new program, called *OnCourse*, incorporates online courses and seasonal online retreats to further develop the spirituality and the knowledge of lay ministers throughout the United States. These online courses and online retreats are specifically designed to help to develop the skills and competencies which will help you to be a better minister in the community where you serve.

Additionally, *OnCourse* provides the opportunities for lay ministers to fulfill Continuing Education Units (CEU's). Canon Law 231 §1 states that "Lay persons who permanently or temporarily devote themselves to special service of the Church are obliged to acquire the appropriate formation required to fulfill their function properly and to carry out this function conscientiously, eagerly, and diligently." It is vitally important that all lay ministers receive continuing education units in order to remain up to date on matters of theology and catechesis. *OnCourse* is designed to help lay ministers to continue their development in their spirituality and education.

In order to meet the growing need for the educational and spiritual development of Catholic lay leaders, while at the same time providing a flexible learning format, MTS has developed *OnCourse* to be a program that will fit any schedule. Using both online courses to strengthen the lay minister's knowledge and experience, and the online retreats to continue to develop spirituality, MTS has designed *OnCourse* to be the perfect formation program to dovetail into your busy schedule and your existing ministry.

Benefits of the OnCourse Program

Flexible Course Schedule

Personal Spiritual Growth

Deeper Understanding of Theological and Catechetical Topics

Sharing and Learning of Ministry Theories and Best Practices

Opportunity to Network with Other Ministers Around the Country

Compliance with USCCB and Diocesan Competency Requirements

Continuing Education Units





The Structure of the OnCourse Program

The *OnCourse Online Courses* take place over three weeks and each one has one learning module per week, requiring approximately three to five hours of participation per week. The approximate number of hours required for total participation is only 15 – 20 hours, earning participants ten hours of Continuing Education Units and a certificate of completion from NACYML and MTS for each course.

The *OnCourse Online Retreats* last ten days and require about 30 minutes of participation sometime during each day, approximately three to five hours in total. These retreats offer great opportunities for reflection, reading, and online sharing.

Costs of the OnCourse Program

Both the *OnCourse* online courses and the *OnCourse* online retreats are open to any lay minister who wishes to participate. NACYML members receive steep discounts on all fees. The fee schedule is as follows:

	Courses à la carte	Retreats à la carte	1 Course and 1 Retreat Combo	All 5 Courses and Retreats
NACYML Members	\$75.00	\$35.00	\$99.00	\$199.00
Non-Members	\$99.00	\$50.00	–	–

2008 - 2009 Course and Retreat Offerings

OnCourse Online Course #1:

Sacramental Theology and The Practical Reality of Adolescent Confirmation

This course satisfies the National Certification Standards #3 and #4

Course Dates:

September 22, 2008 through October 10, 2008

Registration Deadline:

September 15, 2008

Course Description:

Confirmation is often described as a "sacrament in search of a theology." This course will explore what the church has to say about confirmation, while also engaging participants in a discussion on the lived reality of this sacrament, in order to form new and effective strategies.

Module One: Foundation of Roman Catholic Sacramental Theology

This module will examine the pertinent theological underpinnings of the sacrament, as referenced in documents such as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Module Two: The Sacrament and Rite of Confirmation

Here we will look in depth at the sacrament itself, seeking to understand the church's rite, and the meaning of it for those who receive it.

Module Three: Current Realities, Challenges, and Strategies for the Catholic Community

In this final module, we will ask, "Does confirmation equal graduation from the church?" The experiences of participants with the sacrament will form the backdrop for this conversation. Participants will be led to develop practical strategies to address the 'graduation' issue.

OnCourse Online Advent Retreat

Together Journeying to New Life

This course satisfies the National Certification Standard #1

Retreat Dates:

December 10, 2008 through December 15, 2008

Registration Deadline:

December 5, 2008

Retreat Description:

This retreat will invite participants to pray and reflect on what they are being called to give birth to in faith and ministry, as well as on embracing the journey of faith, using Scripture.

OnCourse Online Course #2

By What Authority?

A Primer on Scripture, the Magisterium and the Sense of the Faithful

This course satisfies the National Certification Standard #3

Course Dates:

February 1, 2009 through February 20, 2009

Registration Deadline:

January 28, 2009

Course Description:

This course will be based upon the book, *By What Authority?*, written by theologian Richard Gaillardetz. Through it, we will reflect on the forms of church authority that are concerned with authentic Christian belief, including how we understand both Scripture and Tradition to be key to our beliefs as Catholics. We will explore tough questions of faith, looking at issues from all points of view! Don't miss out on a chance to be in on faith-filled dialogue with other committed ministry leaders on these issues so central to our Catholic faith.

Module One: The Authority of Scripture and Tradition

This module will explore the following questions: What does it mean to say the Bible is inspired? What is the Canon of the Bible? What is the relationship between Scripture and Tradition?

Module Two: The Authority of the Church's Teaching Office

This module will explore how we understand the Magisterium today, the teaching authority of the bishops and pope, and the differences between dogma and doctrine.

Module Three: The Authority of the Believing Community

This module will ask, what is the sense of the faithful, is there a place for disagreement in the Catholic Church, and what is the proper relationship between the Magisterium and theologians?

OnCourse Online Lenten Retreat

Leadership in Today's Church:

Only the Serious Need Apply

This course satisfies the National Certification Standard #5

Retreat Dates:

April 1, 2009 through April 8, 2009

Registration Deadline:

March 26, 2009

Retreat Description:

This retreat will explore two critical questions: What type of leader is called to serve in today's church and what is the difference between just surviving versus thriving? This retreat will invite participants to spiritually reflect on their leadership gifts and challenges, developing a plan for future growth in their call to ministerial leadership.



Sharing Faith with Youth Foundational Strategies for Evangelization and Catechesis

This course satisfies the National Certification Standard #4

Course Dates:
May 11, 2009 through May 29, 2009

Registration Deadline:
May 4, 2009

Course Description:

This isn't your momma's CCD class! Forming disciples today takes new understandings and strategies that engage young people in faith in new and exciting ways that are relevant to their lives. This course will help to increase your readiness for this important responsibility of fostering discipleship and faith.

Module One: Discipleship and Apprenticeship

This module will help participants understand these two concepts and how to intentionally engage youth in matters of faith.

Module Two: Youth Evangelization 2.0

This module will address the real world questions and challenges of inviting young people to faith in the midst of our culture.

Module Three: The Challenge of Adolescent Catechesis

This module will explore the key issues of understanding effective teaching methods in light of the way young people learn today. Different models and theories of learning and catechesis will be discussed.

The National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders is...

- a professional organization of ordained and lay ecclesial ministers dedicated to the field of youth ministry
- open to adults who:
 - view their role in youth ministry as a vocation
 - are committed to ongoing professional development and ministry formation
 - are connected to a Catholic parish, school, diocese, or youth serving agency
 - are dedicated to strengthening and supporting its members in their ministerial practice and professional development
- a member-driven organization



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Ministry Training Source is...

- Ministry Training Source (MTS) is a non-profit organization, serving ministry formation providers and individual ministerial leaders, through the development of ministry formation solutions.
- MTS solutions include assessment, consultation, training, and resource development.
- MTS exists to provide innovative and customized ministry formation solutions for organizations and individuals that enhance the competence and confidence of ministry leadership.
- MTS serves those who form, educate, support, and supervise lay ecclesial ministers through serving parishes, dioceses, higher education institutions, national lay ministry organizations, and ministerial leaders.



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