

Improving the Effectiveness of Youth Ministry Leaders

Read the following statements and consider each as it relates to your teaching or leading. Then on a scale of 1 to 5 rank them, representing the way you feel about your competence in that specified area.

5 represents a high degree of ability - you feel competent in this area

1 represents a feeling that you need additional training to increase
your ability - you are interested in learning more

3 represents satisfaction with your skills but with recognition of a need to
improve - you are satisfied but could use more training;

2 & 4 are degrees between the other three.

1. Understanding the Bible-I can use the Bible and biblical concepts in
teaching/learning situations and help learners to interpret and
relate these concepts to their own lives.

2. Interpreting the Catholic Faith

I use personal study and experience to help learners understand the Catholic
heritage and to struggle with the meaning of the Catholic faith.

3. Understanding of Self

I understand and accept my own self and feelings. recognize my abilities and
limitations, and work to grow as a person and a leader.

4. Understanding of the Learning Process

I understand how persons learn and I can plan teaching/ learning situations in
accordance with acceptable principles of learning

5. Understanding of. Growth Potential

I am able to see potential for growth in persons, and I can apply principles of
human growth and development when planning learning activities.

6. Ability to listen and Communicate

I am able to listen to others without evaluation or judgment, can give
information so it is understood by students, can handle conflict openly and
constructively.

7. Skill in Planning

I use an orderly planning process regularly.

8. Creating a Learning Climate

I establish an open atmosphere in which learning can take place with freedom
and security.

9. . Ability to use a Variety of Learning Activities.

I utilize a wide variety of learning activities appropriate to education goals
and students' needs.

10. Ability to Use Materials in Teaching

I make effective use of a wide variety of well-selected materials provided by
the church and my own initiative.

11. Skill in Evaluating Work

I make a practice of evaluating the effectiveness of each session, and I seek
learner participation in evaluation and in developing future plans.