

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.