



What is the Young Adult Parish Missionary Disciple School?

The Young Adult Missionary Discipleship School is an initiative of the Second General Synod of the Archdiocese of Miami. *Disciples in Faith, Missionaries of Hope*, the Strategic Plan which was developed upon conclusion of the Synod, proclaimed “Expanding our Missionary Outreach to Youth and Young Adults” as one of the three overarching Archdiocesan priorities. Furthermore, a specific goal of the Pastoral Plan is to train young adults as “parish missionaries in peer-to-peer ministry as well as leadership and evangelization best practices.”

The Young Adult Missionary Disciple School launched its first cohort in 2017 and is putting together their second team now. This school provides an opportunity for young adults to be formed more deeply as missionary disciples and equipped to live on mission in their daily lives, especially through their witness and gifts shared with others. As the program progresses, each person will also further discern their own gifts and how the Lord is calling them to evangelization and outreach to other young people in our parishes, schools, workplaces and families in Miami.

The Young Adult Missionary Disciple School consists of nine overnight core sessions, which will be held at retreat houses and other facilities throughout South Florida. Program teachers will be both from the ADOM as well as well-known guest speakers from throughout the country.



What will be covered in the Core Sessions?

All the sessions are designed to address the whole person through the four pillars of formation: intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human as the base for the others.

- The Mission of the Church: Introduction to Missionary Discipleship
- Knowing the Mission Field: Being on Mission in a 21st Century Context
- School of Prayer: The Disposition of a Missionary Disciple
- Identifying Gifts and Strengths, Compensating for natural weakness
- Conversion Conversations: Walking with Others
- Sharing the Great Story: Practical Ways to Tell the Good News
- The Social Dimension of the Gospel: The Lay Vocation to Transform the World
- Forming the Whole Person- heart, mind, and body
- Theology of the Body & the New Evangelization
- Administry 101

What other kinds of activities will take place?

The school begins with an Orientation and social in early September. Throughout the year there will be opportunities of missions, some at personal cost, to put into application the material being presented at the core sessions, such as serving at a local soup kitchen, street evangelization opportunities, World Youth Day, Pilgrimage for Life, Domestic and international missions, and more.

What is the timing for most Core Sessions?

Saturday

Noon	Start time with Lunch
2:00 pm	Session begins; includes lecture, discussion, prayer, Mass, individual time, dinner and fellowship

Sunday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Continuation of prior day's work
2pm	Session end

When are the Core Sessions?

Full schedule will be given out at Orientation.

September 11 at 7pm	Orientation & Social	St. Martha/PC atrium
September 29-30	Session #1	TBA

What is the cost to participate?

There is a one time cost to participate in the Young Adult Missionary Disciple School of \$180. However, as a condition of joining the program, each young adult will be asked to commit to, at the conclusion of the Core Sessions, serving for an 18-month period as an ADOM Missionary. ADOM Missionaries will serve throughout the Archdiocese in a variety of capacities, including youth and young adult ministry. Missionaries will be expected to serve in their parish and in various ministries over the time of the school. Final projects and ministry commitments will be discerned throughout the program by the student, leaders, priests, and the ADOM team.”

Who should apply?

To be considered for the Young Adult Missionary Disciple School, applicants must be young adults ages 21-30 who live in the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Miami and are actively engaged at their parish or within a young adult group. They must demonstrate an ability to work collaboratively and be open to using their spiritual gifts, talents and leadership abilities in the service of the Catholic Church. Most importantly, they must have a desire to serve the youth and young adults of the Archdiocese of Miami.

While young adults who are completing either their undergraduate or graduate degrees while working are welcome to apply, full-time undergraduate students should wait until completion of their degree to apply.

Applicants must be able to attend all of the Core Sessions (a participant who misses two Core Sessions may be asked to leave the program) and the ability to participate in at least some of the additional activities. The full commitment is 9 months of formation followed by 18-month period serving as an ADOM Missionary. ADOM Missionaries will serve on a team throughout the Archdiocese in a variety of capacities, focusing on young adult ministry.

How do I apply?

Young adults may apply by completing the application and emailing it to mducker@theadom.org. The application requires 2 recommendations. **The deadline to apply is August 31, 2018.**

What if I have questions?

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