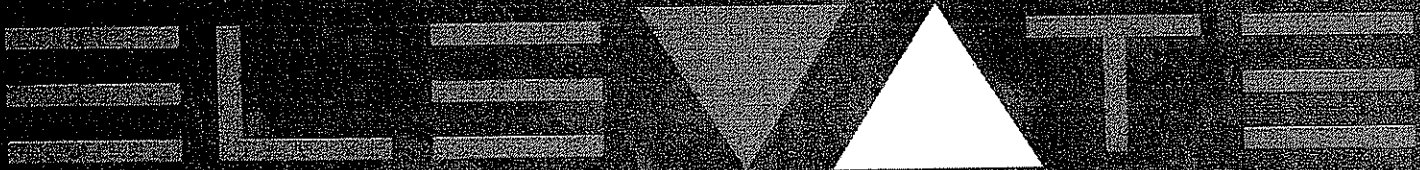


STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCES



SUMMER 2017

STEUBENVILLE NORTHWEST

July 28-30, 2017

Spokane Convention Center
334 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA

8th-12th grade
Registration due Feb. 28th
\$60.00 non-refundable deposit
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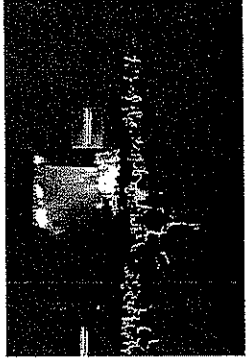
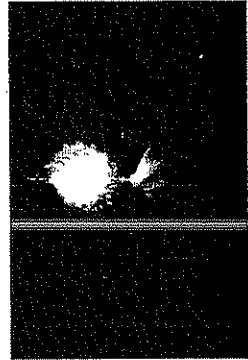
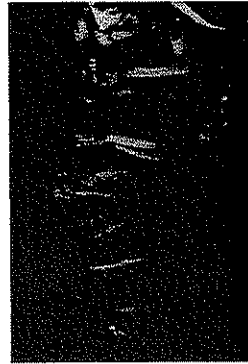
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WHY COME TO A STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE?



Each summer, Steubenville Youth Conferences serve over 50,000 youth and their leaders at 23 different conferences across North America. This outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville seeks to inspire and strengthen teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. These conferences are high-energy events featuring inspiring talks, dynamic worship, and profound encounters with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are both a great "Introduction" to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for even your Youth Group regulars. Give your own spirit the gift of renewal and give your teens the inspiration they need to renew not only your youth group, but your entire parish community. Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy!

TEENS

One of St. Augustine's most famous quotes is, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." These words often describe the spiritual angst that teenagers experience throughout their high school years. Every teen has the desire to achieve something great and to be someone great. We see this desire played out on social media daily. At a Steubenville Conference, teens will learn what it takes to be great in this life. Teens will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their life. The goal of every Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting, and joyfull

YOUTH MINISTERS

Being a youth minister is one of the most important tasks in the Church today. Throughout the year, youth ministers work tirelessly to evangelize and catechize the teens in their parishes. Attending a Steubenville Conference provides youth ministers the freedom to not have to worry about content preparation and instead focus on the relational ministry that is so necessary in every parish. This conference can be the launching point for discipleship, peer leadership, deeper prayer and a ministry rooted in the sacraments. You just have to get the teens there...and we'll worry about the rest!

PARENTS

Parents are the "primary catechists" of their teens and this is a daunting task when trying to navigate the ups and downs of a teen's high school years. Between all the extra curricular commitments and academic obligations it can seem near impossible to make church a priority for teens. A Steubenville Conference often has the ability to give teens the spiritual boost that Catholic parents desire for their teens. Many teens have been known to come back from a Steubenville Conference not only renewed in their faith, but taking the lead to initiate prayer within their own family. Imagine how your teen will feel knowing after a Steubenville Conference that the Church is dynamic, alive, and full of hope just like them.

Register by February 28th
\$60.00 non-refundable deposit

**CHURCH/SCHOOL
EVENT PERMISSION FORM FOR STUDENT/YOUTH**

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING CHURCH OR SCHOOL

Event Steubenville NW Location Spokane, WA & Coeur d'Alene, ID
Church or School St. Francis Catholic Parish Sherwood, OR
Date of Event July 28-July 31, 2017 Departure date July 28, 2017
Departure time TBD AM PM Return date July 31, 2017
Estimated time of return TBD AM PM Mode of transportation carpool

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

I, _____ the undersigned, give my permission for _____
(Parent/Legal Guardian) (Child)
to take part in the above off premises event and authorize the Church/School to provide transportation to and from this event.

I also authorize the Church/School and its employees or chaperones to secure any and all necessary medical services for my child in the event of an accident or illness. Further, I agree to be solely responsible for payment for those services.

Child's name _____ Date of birth _____ Sex Male Female
Allergies (foods, drugs, insects, etc.) _____
Medications (name, dosage, reason) _____
Other information (injuries, special needs, etc.) _____
Insurance carrier _____ Group or ID# _____

Person(s) to notify in case of an emergency:

Name _____ Phone 1 _____ 2 _____
Name _____ Phone 1 _____ 2 _____
Name _____ Phone 1 _____ 2 _____
Family physician _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

THIS FORM TO BE KEPT ON FILE BY CHURCH/SCHOOL FOR THREE YEARS

Interested in a scholarship application? yes/no _____ November 2008
Parent email: _____
Student email: _____
Year of HS graduation: _____ T-shirt size: _____

EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS



Show love and respect for God

1. Pray daily for self and others
2. Receive the sacraments
3. Participate in the activities
4. Be open, flexible, and have a servant's attitude
5. Represent God in your words and actions

Show love and respect for yourself

1. This is a "no smoking" weekend. All state laws governing alcohol, drugs, and tobacco will be strictly enforced. Possession or consumption of alcohol and drugs is not permitted at any time during the conference.
2. Drink plenty of water, obey sleeping times, and make sure you eat all meals. This will allow you to fully participate and not be tired.
3. Remember that you are a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Present yourself accordingly.
4. If you must leave an activity, your adult chaperone must accompany you.
5. Dress modestly – Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. Bikini tops, low-cut tops, mini-skirts, short shorts, and shirts with vulgar language are not allowed.

Show love and respect for others

1. Be safe. No horseplay or other potentially harmful actions. Leave pocket knives, lighters, or other hazardous materials at home. No skateboards, iPods, laptops, or rollerblades.
2. All words and actions you use should build up others and not injure.
3. No teens are allowed to drive to or from the conference.
4. The facility must remain clean and undamaged.
5. No outside visitors at the conference, please.
6. All aisles and the stage area must remain clear for safety reasons. Remain in your youth group's area at all times.
7. Make sure that your actions during the activities do not distract others from hearing, seeing, or praying
8. Allow others to sleep. "Lights Out" means that it is time to sleep. Do not be in the showers or halls after this time.

Consequence Policy

All youth are expected to follow the above outlined expectations, directions of Conference staff, Convention Center staff, and Gonzaga University staff. Any instances of transgression of these policies, lack of cooperation, or insubordination will be subjected to appropriate discipline and/or fines. Failure to comply may result in immediate dismissal of the participant, at the expense of the individual.

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I have read, understand, and agree to follow the above expectations while participating at the Steubenville Northwest Youth Conference.

Signature of Youth Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Youth's Parent _____ Date _____

—This form should be kept on file by the Group Leader or parish Youth Minister—

Catholic Diocese of Spokane CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct applies to: Clergy, Seminarians, employees and volunteers (in church/school ministry) of the Diocese, Parishes, Schools and Institutions of the Catholic Bishop of Spokane, hereinafter referred to as church personnel.

Those who act in the name of the church have special influence in the lives of the people to whom they minister. Because of the respect and even reverence with which many people seek help from the church's ministers, there is an imbalance of power and hence a vulnerability inherent in the ministerial relationship. In these circumstances there is likely an absence of meaningful consent to any sexual activity, even if the person is an adult. This imbalance of power makes any sexual activity always inappropriate. It is the responsibility of church personnel to maintain appropriate emotional and sexual boundaries.

As in other helping professions such as physicians and therapists, the special nature of the relationship between church personnel and the people they serve calls for a higher ethical standard of behavior. In such relationships the appropriateness or inappropriateness of behavior is judged not by the intent of the church person, but its impact upon the recipient. It is the policy of this diocese to expect the behavior of all church personnel to comply with professional ethics and Catholic moral standards. Not only must the actual behavior meet appropriate standards, but all church personnel are expected to act in ways which do not give the appearance of impropriety.

"When any person, in his or her official supervisory capacity with a nonprofit or for-profit organization, has reason to believe that a minor or a legally vulnerable adult, has suffered physical abuse or neglect or sexual abuse caused by a person over whom he or she regularly exercises supervisory authority, he or she shall report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the proper law enforcement agency, provided that the person alleged to have caused the abuse or neglect is employed by, contracted by, or volunteers with the organization and coaches, trains, educates, or counsels a minor(s) or has unsupervised access to a minor(s) as part of the employment, contract, or voluntary service." In other words, volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors or legally vulnerable adults are **required to report** any suspected abuse by others whom they supervise. (*Sited from RCW 26.44(1) (b) and RCW 74.34.020 (11)*)

It is highly recommended and a matter of conscience for anyone who witnesses such abuse to report the same. Aiding, abetting and/or ignoring abusive behavior is considered facilitation of this behavior. Any person who observes sexual abuse of an adult who habitually lacks reason, by any church personnel must report that information to the Vicar General or the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese. All violations of this Code of Conduct must be reported to the Supervisor and reported to CPS or APS and law enforcement when appropriate

TOUCHING

Touching must be age-appropriate and based on the need of the minor and not on the need of the adult. Adults must avoid physical contact when alone with a minor or vulnerable adult. Touches and embraces that are experienced or perceived as uncomfortable to an individual, adult or minor, are forbidden. Adults should avoid any physical touching that may reasonably be perceived as sexual in nature.

Examples of behaviors that can be misconstrued as sexual in nature, and thus are to be avoided, include but are not limited to:

- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces
- Kissing
- Touching bottoms, chests, legs or genital areas
- Spanking or slapping
- Showing affection while in an isolated location
- Wrestling or tickling
- Piggy-back rides
- Massages

It is important to remember that, when dealing with a minor who inadvertently misplaces hands on a church person, the suggested way of dealing with this is to gently take the hands and remove them from the inappropriate spot, kneel down to the child's level and continue the discussion at eye level. If a minor initiates physical contact, such as a hug, an appropriate, limited response is proper.

VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Examples of speech or actions which are inappropriate include but are not limited to:

- Compliments that relate to physique or body development
- Humiliation, ridicule, bullying, or degradation of another person
- Topics of discussion, vocabulary, recordings, films, games, computer software, internet sites or any other form of personal interaction or entertainment that could not be used comfortably in the presence of parents
- Sexually explicit or pornographic material
- The singling out of persons, especially children or vulnerable adults, for special personal attention or personal gifts.

TRANSPORTATION AND OUTINGS

When taking minors on field trips, conferences or tours, the following rules apply:

- One staff member or adult volunteer may never transport only one minor unless the child is his/her own child.
- One person may transport a group of minors. However, upon arrival two staff members or adult volunteers must accompany all minor children during all activities, events, and/or outings off parish, school or agency grounds. This policy assumes that the staff, minor children and volunteers participating in transportation or outings have fulfilled the Sexual Abuse Education Requirements as stated in Part VI of this policy.
- An adult shall always be accompanied by another adult, when sleeping in a room, hotel room or tent with minors.
- Adults and minors shall each sleep in their own bed.
- Use of one's own home as the center for carrying out youth work is prohibited.
- Priests must not provide overnight accommodation for individual minors including but not limited to, accommodations in any church-owned facility, private residence, hotel room or any place where there is no other adult supervision present. Immediate family is an exception to this mandate.

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- Persons under 21 may never be taken on personal trips or vacations without other adults or appropriate chaperons.

RELATIONSHIPS

It is the church person's responsibility to be cognizant of appropriate behaviors in relationships and to maintain integrity in all actions.

Dual relationships are those in which the professional or ministerial purpose is intermingled with personal friendship. Please refer to the introductory paragraphs of this Code of Conduct for reminders about the impact of "power" a church person has on individuals with whom he/she relates. Key points to be adhered to and/or aware of, in relationships are:

- Sexual relationships with parishioners, counseling clients, students or collaborators in ministry, are forbidden.
- Church personnel assume the full burden for setting and maintaining clear, appropriate physical and emotional boundaries in all ministerial relationships.
- In situations where an inappropriate personal or physical attraction develops between a church person and an adult, client or young person, the church person is responsible to maintain clear, professional boundaries.
- It is unprofessional to suggest that the relationship between care givers and those who seek their help is a two way relationship in which the care giver also receives help from the interaction. It is the responsibility of church personnel to retain a ministerial/ professional relationship, not the client.
- The appearance or reality of concealing or asking individuals to conceal the fact and nature of a personal relationship is a violation of such boundaries.
- Church employees and volunteers while not involved in ministerial activity, must be accompanied by at least one other adult when hosting activities for minors with whom they have become acquainted through their ministry.
- Employees and volunteers acting in their parental role should be aware of the critical importance of applying these guidelines in situations involving minors other than their own.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

At youth events, the following are unacceptable:

- Use, possession or distribution of illegal drugs (reason for immediate termination of employment)
- Smoking
- Alcoholic beverages
- Smokeless tobacco

ENVIRONMENT

Church personnel cannot always avoid situations where they are alone with a minor, but if a one-on-one meeting with a minor is necessary, the following are recommended:

- Avoid meeting in isolated environments
- Schedule meetings at times when others are around
- Use locations that create accountability
- Limit the time of the session

- Make appropriate referral(s)
- Have another person present when at all feasible
- Meet in as public a place as possible
- Leave door ajar
- Choose a room with a window in the door when available
- Avoid all physical contact with the minor or vulnerable adult

PORNOGRAPHY

The acquisition, possession or distribution by church personnel of the diocese, of pornographic images of minors under the age of 18, for purposes of sexual gratification by whatever means or using any form of technology shall have the gravity of child sexual abuse. It will be reported to authorities and punished according to the severity of the act, not excluding dismissal.

Church personnel are prohibited from using work place computers or other means of communications inappropriately as is presented in the diocesan policy on the use of technology.

No person may serve with minors or young adults if he or she has ever been convicted of any of the below listed criminal offenses, has ever received deferred adjudication for any such criminal offenses, or there is presently pending any criminal charges for such offenses until a determination of guilt or innocence is made. Criminal offenses include:

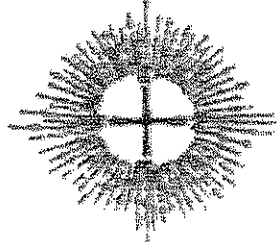
- A felony classified as an offense against a person or family. Offenses against a person include but are not limited to: murder, assault, sexual assault, and abandoning or endangering a child. Offenses against a family include but are not limited to: bigamy or incest.
- A felony classified as an offense against public order or indecency. Offenses against public order or indecency include but are not limited to: prostitution or the possession or promotion of child pornography.
- A felony violation within the last five years of any law intended to control the possession or distribution of any substance included as a controlled substance in the Washington State Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

I have fully read this Code of Conduct and sign voluntarily with knowledge of its terms and conditions:

<hr/> <p>Print Name</p> <hr/> <p>Signature</p> <hr/> <p>Date</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feb. 28th \$60 non-refundable deposit• April 11th \$155• May 23rd \$100• June 27th \$85/or remaining balance	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cost \$400</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steubenville \$215• Silverwood \$39• Lodging \$70• Food \$60• T-shirt \$17
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fundraising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We fundraise as a group• All youth participate in at least 3 events, regardless of monetary need• Parents must participate with fundraisers● Bake Sale (Nov. 11-13th)● Spaghetti dinner (April 29th)● Flamingos (May/June)● Cruisin' (June 10th)● Bake Sale (June 17-18th)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Schedule</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 28-31, 2017• Depart Friday, July 28th am• Steubenville conference Friday, Saturday and Sunday, stay in Gonzaga dorms• Sunday afternoon head to Silverwood theme park• Stay in Coeur d'Alene Sunday night• Drive back to OR Monday July 31st



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2015 Youth Conference Schedule

Steubenville Northwest

Times are subject to slight changes.

Friday

1:30pm - 4:00pm	Registration (Coughlin Hall)
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Dinner (Gonzaga University - Foley Lawn)
5:45pm	Main Venue Doors Open/Bookstore Open (INB)
6:45pm - 9:30pm	General Session (to include keynotes and talk on Confession)
9:30pm - 10:00pm	Small Group
10:00pm - 11:30pm	Reconciliation/Bookstore Open

Saturday

6:30am - 8:00am	Breakfast (BARC and Cataldo Hall)
7:30am	Main Venue Doors Open/Bookstore Open
8:30 - 9:30am	Men's/Women's Session
9:45am - 12:00pm	General Session (to include Mass and Eucharistic Adoration)
12:00pm	Lunch (Riverfront Park)
12:00pm - 2:30pm	Reconciliation/Small Groups/Bookstore Open
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Workshop for graduated seniors
2:30pm - 3:15pm	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entertainment• <i>Sharing the Faith with Friends</i> workshop
3:30pm - 4:15pm	Choose one: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Alive Inside</i> workshop• <i>No Man is an Island</i> workshop
4:30pm - 6:30pm	Small Groups/Reconciliation/Bookstore Open
5:00pm	Dinner (Riverfront Park)
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Reconciliation/Bookstore Open
6:45pm - 9:45 pm	General Session (to include keynote, Eucharistic Holy Hour & Procession)
9:45pm - 11:30pm	Reconciliation/Small Groups/Bookstore Open

Sunday

6:30am - 8:00am	Breakfast/Key Return
7:30am	Main Venue Doors Open
8:30am - 10:30am	General Session (to include keynote)
10:30am - 12:00pm	Closing Mass
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Pre-Ordered Lunch To-Go (if ordered)
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Key Return