



# STEUBENVILLE 200ESTE

JULY 23-24, 2021

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 8-12 (DURING 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR) AND ADULT LEADERS

# **About the Conference**

# WHAT IS A STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE?

A Steubenville Catholic Youth conference is a weekend program for high school students, from incoming freshmen through just graduated seniors. It is authentically Catholic, an oasis from the clamor of the world, a place to connect with the God of the universe; it is inspirational, high energy, and fun.

Participants arrive with their groups and check-in mid-afternoon Friday. After dinner, the conference starts with a welcome from the Conference Host, who is part of the Ministry Team, a short teaching about worship and the keynote address. The evening concludes with simple Eucharistic Adoration followed by time for the participants to gather in their small groups and/or go to Confession.

Saturday begins with Mass and separate Men's and Women's sessions that typically focus on how to live a chaste life in the world today. Lunch starts the afternoon and happening simultaneously is another opportunity for small group time and/or Confession followed by the Senior and Graduated Senior workshop.

Dinner, small group time and an opportunity for Confession begin Saturday evening. This is followed by the keynote and, what is often described by teens and adults alike as the absolute highlight of the weekend, a Eucharistic Holy Hour with formal procession throughout the entire arena. Again, at the conclusion, groups gather for their small group time and/or Confession.

Sunday morning starts with the keynote address, which generally focuses on how to bring the things they have heard throughout the weekend into a personal and practical reality for their everyday life. The conference wraps-up with the closing Mass usually celebrated by the local Bishop.

# **Conference Schedule**

#### TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The typical schedule for the Rochester Steubenville Conference is as follows:

### Friday, July 23

3:00 pm Arrive at Civic Center & Check-in

3:30 pm Marketplace is Open

4:00 pm Mass 5:10 pm Rosary 5:30 pm Dinner

6:15 pm Doors Open to the General Session
9:15 pm Small Group/Confession Time
10:00 pm Parents Pick-up Students

#### Saturday, July 24

7:30 am Rosary

8:00 am Doors Open to the General Session

11:00 am Women's Session/Men's Lunch & Small Groups
 12:15 pm Men's Session/Women's Lunch & Confession
 1:15 pm Men's Confession/Women's Small Groups

2:15 pm General Session

3:15 pm Recharge/Marketplace/small groups

3:30 pm Workshop One 4:30 pm Workshop Two

5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Confession

6:45 pm Doors Open to the General Session

10:00 pm Small Groups/Confession11:00 pm Parents Pick-up Students

### Sunday, July 25

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Doors Open to the General Session

10:15 am Closing Mass

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Parents Pick-up Students

A more detailed schedule will be provided at the conference.

# Cost of the Trip

The cost for this year's conference has been set at \$250/student. That fee covers: the conference registration (\$209), a T-shirt (\$15), a meal, our adult leaders' registration fees, and other incidentals.

A \$100.00 non-refundable down payment is due upon registration.

The very last day to register will be May 18th, 2021

Refund Policy: Down payments are always non-refundable. Furthermore, after May 18, 2021 all participants will be responsible for paying the full amount of the trip stated above.

An adult leader's \$100 down payment is waived and they will be responsible for the remaining amount (\$150) which they may pay out of pocket and/or fundraise.

# **Fundraising**

If students participate in even just a few of the fundraising opportunities we are confident that they will raise close to the, if not the entire, amount needed to attend the conference. Contact youth ministry staff for further information about fundraising opportunities. We'll be sure to send all registered participants fundraising information as it comes up.

# Steubenville Scholarships

Partnership for Youth, the sponsor of the Rochester Steubenville Conference, usually awards ten \$100 scholarships each year to teens registered for the conference. The deadline to apply is usually April 1. Keep an eye on their website for information:

partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/

We want to make sure all our students have the opportunity to participate in the trips we offer. Financial assistance is available for students in need. Please Contact our Youth Ministry Staff with any requests or questions.

# **Important Dates**

March 15 Registration Opens

April 1 Typical Partnership for Youth Scholarship Deadline

May 18 Last Day to Register before \$25 registration cost increase

June 15 Final Payment Due (less any amount fund raised)

July 23-25 Conference Dates

# **Registration Information**

### FOLLOW THE PROCESS BELOW TO REGISTER

Step 1

Register with Pax Christi to reserve your spot with our group. Click on the "Begin Registration Here" link on our webpage:

paxchristichurch.org/steubenville

Upon registration with Pax Christi you will be asked to submit a \$100 down payment. The remaining amount is due June 15, 2021 and will factor in any amount you may have fundraised.

Step 2

Register with Partnership for Youth (Sponsor of the Steubenville Rochester Conference). Click on the "Continue Registration Here (Partnership for Youth)" link on our webpage:

paxchristichurch.org/steubenville

- Click on the "Start" button to begin registration.
- Enter your First Name, Last Name, and Group Name (Pax Christi)
- Click "Search"
- Select "Pax Christi Catholic Church" and click on the "New Participant" button unless you see your name.
- Our Group Code is: PCGEFXY
- Follow remaining on screen directions
- Complete your liability waiver (emailed after registration is complete)

#### **IMPORTANT**

If the Partnership for Youth Registration process asks for money at any time please ignore those requests. Participants will pay Pax Christi and, in turn, Pax Christi will settle the balance with Partnership for Youth.

Please let Youth Ministry Staff know if you have any questions about the registration process.

# Frequently Asked Questions

# WHO CAN ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

Teens in grades 8-12 during the 2020-2021 school year and adult leaders.

### HOW MUCH IS THE CONFERENCE?

The conference costs a total of \$275 (\$250 if registered before May 18, 2021). A down payment of \$100 is due upon registration. The remaining amount may be paid out of pocket and/or fundraised and is due June 15, 2021.

### HOW DO I RESERVE MY SPOT?

Follow the instructions in this information guide on page 5 or on our website at: paxchristichurch.org/steubenville

### ARE FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

Yes! Please contact our Youth Ministry Staff for more information and to get plugged into any fundraising opportunities.

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Conference participants should bring modest clothing. All aeendees are expected to dress in a fashion that represents modesty and good taste. Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. Participants may wish to bring a Bible and a journal to use for prayer, reflection and small group sharing. Attendees may also wish to bring spending money to use at the conference bookstore and concessions, and a small backpack or sport-pack to carry any items that may be needed during conference sessions.

### WHAT SHOULDN'T I BRING?

Do not bring skateboards, iPods, laser pointers, radios, or any portable gaming devices as they distract from the purpose of the conference. Low cut tops, mini skirts, short shorts, or other inappropriate asre are not to be worn at anytime during the conference. Clothing with vulgar or offensive language or obscene pictures will not be tolerated. Please refer to the Modestly Policy located on the Group Leader page at www.partnershipforyouth.org.

## WHEN WILL WE BE ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS?

Sunday Mass typically takes place on Sunday morning at the Mayo Civic Center.

### CAN A FAMILY MEMBER ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

Only registered individuals or volunteers may attend the conference. This includes Masses.

# WHAT IF MY TEEN HAS A DISABILITY/FOOD ALLERGY?

We are happy to accommodate the special disability needs or dietary needs of an individual. All special needs can be noted in your online registration. Please inform the Partnership for Youth office as soon as possible in order for us to best accommodate a specific need. We will do our best to make arrangements for requests made in advance; onsite requests may not be able to be accommodated.

# **Next Steps**

### PRAY

There is no better way to discern than to pray. Put yourself in front of Christ in adoration, close the door to your room, be still and silent. Ask God to speak to you. Tell him you want to do his will and then be open go where he is calling you. Use this prayer if you wish:

Father, help me to know your will for me in all aspects of life. If it is your will, send a sense of calm over my decision making process particularly as I determine whether or not you are calling me to participate in this conference. Amen.

### **ASK QUESTIONS**

Do you have questions about the conference? Talk to our youth ministers and/or adult leaders.

### REGISTER AND SUBMIT YOUR DOWN PAYMENT

Go to the link below and follow the directions for registering and submitting your down payment.

#### PREPARE YOURSELF

Continue to pray every day. Go to Mass as often as you can. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meet with somebody who has gone to a Steubenville Conference before for coffee at St. James. Open yourself to the various ways God is working in your life. Meet with your youth minister(s) to come up with a spiritual plan/goal for yourself as you prepare for the trip.

#### INVITE A FRIEND

Put the Gospel into action. Tell a friend about the conference and encourage him or her to sign up and attend the conference with you.

#### CHECK OUT THE STEUBENVILLE/PFY WEBSITES

Want more information about this years conference? Check out the Steubenville Conference and the Partership for Youth websites:

steubenvilleconferences.com partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/

# Don't Forget to Register

Registration is 100% online this year. Follow the link below. You will be guided through the registration process. Students and Adult Leaders will register with Pax Christi as well as with Partnership for Youth, we have tried to simplify the process as much as possible. Contact our Youth Ministry Staff if you have any questions. Be sure to read through this Information Guide for more information and to find answers to many of your questions.

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