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ROCHESTER STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE 2018 JULY 13-15

For Students Currently in Grades 8-12 & Adult Leaders



Register at paxchristchurch.org/steubenville



About this Trip

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, an option of two workshops for all others and the afternoon Keynote.

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.



Schedule (tentative & subject to change)

A conference/retreat experience is magnified when we step out of the everyday and allow ourselves to fully detach from the cares of the world. To help you take a step back and be immersed fully in the experience, we will be spending our nights at the Kahler Inn and Suites (right across from the Civic Center) rather than commuting each day. Furthermore, spending the night together at the Kahler will allow us to process what we experienced during the day at the conference and to prepare for the next morning.

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

Friday, July 13

1:00 pm	Arrive at Kahler Inn and Suites
2:00 pm	Register at Civic Center
10:00 pm	Return to Kahler Inn and Suites for Small Group Time
10:30 pm	Free Time
11:00 pm	Lights out

Saturday, July 14

7:00 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	Leave for Civic Center
10:00 pm	Return to Kahler Inn and Suites for Small Group Time
11:00 pm	Lights out

Sunday, July 15

7:00 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	Leave for Civic Center
12:00 pm	Conference Ends (box lunch provided for the road)
1:00 pm	Parents pick up students at Kahler Inn and Suites

A more detailed schedule will be provided at the conference.



Cost of the Trip

The cost for this year's trip is set at \$350/student. That fee covers: the conference registration (\$190), two nights in a hotel (\$100), a T-shirt (\$10), some meals, our adult leaders' registration fees, and any other incidentals.

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

If you register by March 15th we are able to give you an early bird discount of \$50 so your total trip cost would be \$300.

The very last day to register will be April 30th, 2018

Refund Policy: Down payments are always non-refundable. Furthermore, after March 15th, 2018 all participants will be responsible for paying the full amount of the trip stated above.

Fundraising

If students participate in even just a few of the fundraising opportunities which take place at Pax Christi we are confident that they will raise close to, if not all of, the entire amount needed to go on their trip. Contact your Zach Rawson for fundraising information. We'll be sure to send all registered participants fundraising information as it comes up.

Steubenville Scholarships

For the 2018 Steubenville Youth Conference season, Partnership for Youth (PFY) is pleased to be able to award ten \$100 scholarships per conference site to teens registered for a Steubenville Youth Conference or a conference + Franciscan LEAD. The deadline to apply is April 4, 2018. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than April 11, 2018. For more information, and to apply visit:

www.partnershipforyouth.org/scholarship-application

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. Contact Youth Ministry Staff with any requests.

Important Dates

March 15, 2018

April 4, 2018

April 6, 2018

April 30, 2018

July 9-13, 2018

July 13-15, 2018

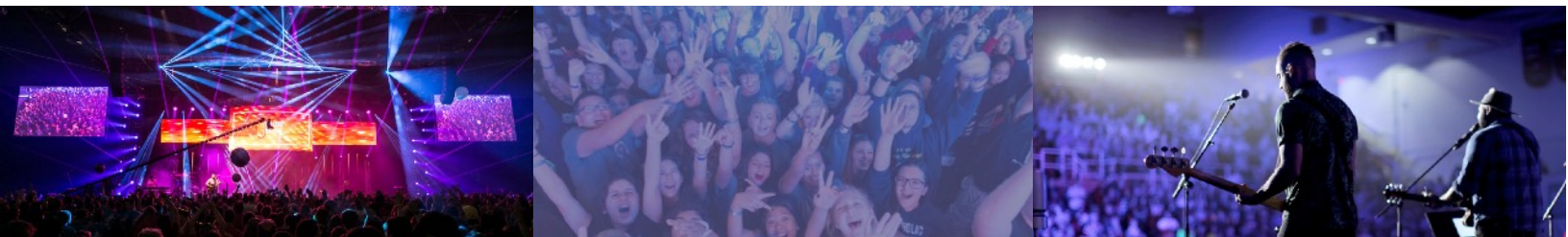
Early Registration Deadline, trip cost increases to \$350 after March 15

Partnership for Youth Scholarship Application Deadline

Franciscan LEAD Application Deadline

Final Payments Due, Last Day to Register for the Conference

Franciscan LEAD (*Leadership Week for youth who have applied and were accepted*)
Conference



Registration Information

Please follow the registration process below to register for Steubenville:

Step 1 Register with Pax Christi to tentatively reserve your spot by clicking on the blue “Register Here” button on our webpage www.paxchristichurch.org/steubenville
This step will let us know you are planning on coming with us, it will also get you on our email list which is how we will send out important updates and reminders about the conference.

Step 2 Submit your \$100 down payment to officially reserve your spot with Pax Christi
Down payments may be submitted online by following the directions on our webpage www.paxchristichurch.org/steubenville or in our office by cash or check (checks may be made out to “Pax Christi Catholic Church”).

Step 2 Register with Partnership for Youth (the Conference Sponsor)
Click on the link on our webpage www.paxchristichurch.org/steubenville
Click on the gray “Start” button.

Enter our Group Leader’s Name:

First Name: **Dana**

Last Name: **Petricka**

Group Name: **Pax Christi**

Click “Search”

Select our group “Pax Christi, Dana Petricka, Rochester, MN”

Click on the gray “New Participant” button.

Fill out the online registration form.

Our Group Code is: **PCGVHZ8**

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



Conference Ministry Team

Steve Angrisano is one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. His passionate message of faith, hope, and love is masterfully woven throughout his music, speaking, and storytelling. A veteran musician and composer, Steve has been featured at countless local, diocesan, and national events. Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.

Father John Burns is a priest in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He studied business at Notre Dame but realized his plans were not God's. After a long fight, Father John discovered and now preaches the goodness of the Father who never misleads us. After studying in Rome for five years he was ordained in 2010. He serves as a parish priest while engaging a variety of youth and young adult ministries in his archdiocese. He is a regular guest on Relevant Radio and the author of the book *Lift Up Your Heart*. Beyond his archdiocesan duties, Father John works extensively with Mother Teresa's sisters and has given retreats, conferences, and spiritual direction for them in Africa, Europe, and the US.

Sarah Swafford is the founder of Emotional Virtue Ministries and author of the book *Emotional Virtue: A Guide to Drama-Free Relationships*. She speaks internationally to people of all ages on a variety of topics and has appeared on EWTN's *Life on the Rock*, *EWTN Live*, and is co-host of EWTN's *At the Heart of Relationships*. She contributed to Ascension Press' confirmation program *Chosen*, YDisciple's *True Beauty*, and is a proud team member of chastityproject.com. Sarah and her husband, Dr. Andrew Swafford, reside in Atchison, Kansas, with their four young children, Thomas, Fulton, Cate, and Kolbe. Find out more at emotionalvirtue.com.

Cooper Ray is a dynamic and light-hearted speaker, musician, and retreat facilitator who shares his faith with honesty and passion. Through music, story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups of all ages to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God's presence in their lives. In addition to his missionary ministry, Cooper serves as the associate director for Discipleship in the Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Dallas.

Brian Greenfield was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He came to know Christ while studying at Seton Hall University. Following a year as a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, he became a speaker with Hard as Nails Ministries and a campus minister. He now lives in Florida with his wife, Genevieve, and two children, Miekko and Michael.

Sonar, based in St. Paul, Minnesota, is a collection of musicians who seek to draw closer to Christ through music. Sonar's engaging style draws inspiration from a breadth of genres from electronic dance music to country and bluegrass, while finding roots in modern worship music and traditional hymns. Sonar is Nate Reinhardt (vocals/guitars), Caroline Metzinger (vocals/keyboards), Nate Lamusga (guitars/banjo), Christian Ankrum (bass/vocals), and Reese Kling (drums).

Franciscan LEAD

I went into the LEAD week totally nervous and having a few problems with my faith, and came out feeling strong and confident in my faith as a soldier of God. Throughout the week all my fears about who I was and what I had to do vanished. I found confidence and strength in God and I slowly, through the week, realized that God has it all under control and that HE LOVED ME for who I was. -Youth LEAD Participant

What is Franciscan LEAD?

Franciscan LEAD is a dynamic Catholic leadership opportunity for teens who are ready to step up to the next level in leadership, evangelization and discipleship. It is directed and facilitated by well-trained young adults and youth ministers who will equip and empower high school youth to be a witness for the Catholic faith and prepare them for ongoing service in evangelization.

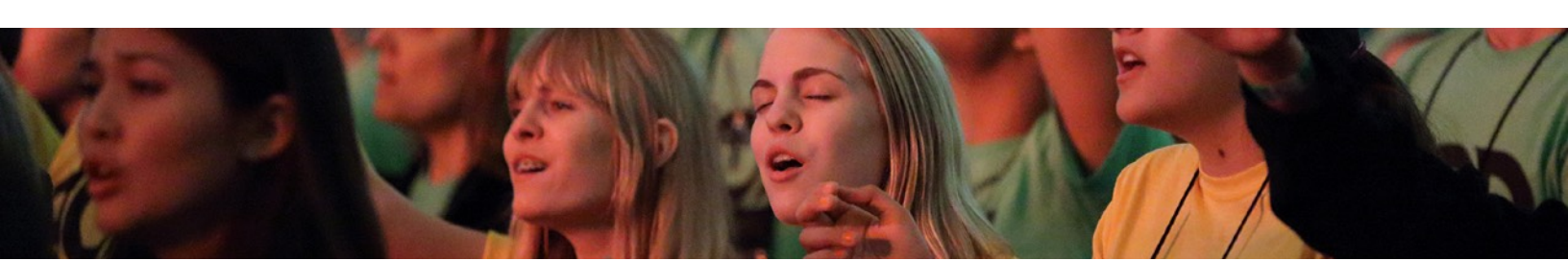
What does LEAD look like?

It is a five-day, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer-fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship. The life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi inspire these teachings. Each day of training will consist of workshops on topics including how to develop a prayer life, overcoming sin through the Sacraments, how to share your personal testimony, servant leadership and other practical tools for developing your faith.

Learn More & Apply

Visit the Steubenville Conference website <http://site.steubenvilleconferences.com/lead> for more information. While at the Franciscan LEAD webpage you'll also find information about how to apply. The application deadline is April 6th, 2018.

Franciscan LEAD in Rochester is held at the Pax Christi Youth Center Monday-Friday July 9th-13th before the Steubenville Conference. It costs \$375 + the cost of the Conference (price includes all food, lodging, etc... during LEAD). Fundraising will be available through Pax Christi.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend the Steubenville Rochester Conference?

Youth in grades 8-12 during the 2017-2018 school year and adult leaders (21+ at the time of the conference).

How much is the conference and how do I reserve my spot?

Pax Christi's conference price is a total of \$250 (includes the \$100 deposit) for early bird registration before March 15. From March 15 - April 30, the cost goes up to \$300. Our cost includes the price of lodging. Follow instructions on the Registration Information page to register and reserve your spot.

Are there fundraising opportunities available to help pay the cost?

Yes! Please contact Zach Rawson at zach.rawson@paxchristchurch.org asap to get involved in the Solid Foundations fundraising campaign for youth ministry.

What should I bring?

Conference participants should bring modest clothing. All attendees 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 attire 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 the Saturday night of the Conference at the Civic Center.

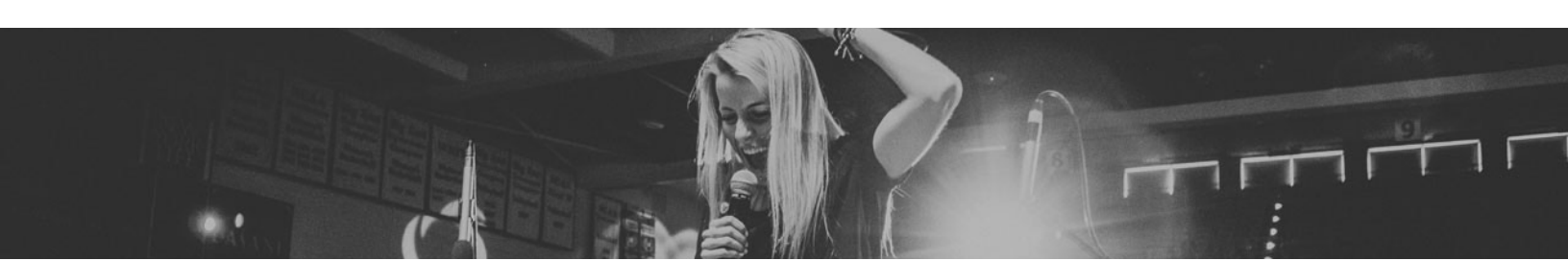
Can a family member visit the Conference?

No. Anyone who is not registered for the conference as a participant, chaperone, or volunteer will not be allowed into any areas of the event site at anytime throughout the entire weekend. This includes Masses.

What if my teen has a disability or food allergy?

No problem! 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.

**If we did not answer the question you have, please visit our webpage: partnershipforyouth.org/faq/*



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 trip? Talk to your youth minister and/or adult leaders.

Register and Turn in your Down Payment

Go to the link below and follow the directions to register and submit 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 trip and encourage him or her to participate and journey with you.

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 done everything we can to simplify the process. Contact Youth Ministry Staff if you have any questions. Be sure to read through this Information Guide for more info. and to find answers to many of your questions.

www.paxchristichurch.org/steubenville