

2010 Columbus
Steubenville/St. Louis Mid-America
Summer Conference Youth Trip

"THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH"



CONFERENCE DETAILS

WHO CAN ATTEND: Any teen who will be finishing 8th grade through senior high school.

PROMO EVENT:

CONFERENCE DATES: Friday-Sunday, July 9-11, 2010

FAMILY SEND-OFF MASS: Morning of departure (Details come with registration)

LOCATION: Springfield, Missouri (On the campus of Southwest Missouri State University)

HOSTED BY: Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

ORIENTATION/BUSINESS MEETING: *** A REQUIREMENT OF PARTICIPATION ***

Requires a parent to attend with teen

Sunday, April 25th

St. Bonaventure Parish Center

7:30-9:00 p.m.

FORMATION SESSION DATES: *** A REQUIREMENT OF PARTICIPATION ***

Session 1 – Wednesday, June 23rd – 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Session 2 – Wednesday, June 30th – 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Session 3 – Wednesday, July 7th – 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

*****IMPORTANT*** IF YOU CANNOT OR DO NOT ATTEND FORMATION SESSIONS, YOUR SPOT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.**

COST: \$185.00 per participant covers conference fee, food, housing and handling expenses. (Note: this increase in cost, the first in several years, reflects an increase in the conference fee by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. It also covers our Sunday lunch prior to departure.)

(The cost of transportation and t-shirts are funded by generous donors! Please pray for them!)

Will need about \$20.00 for lunch on Friday and lunch on Sunday while traveling; Several fast-food restaurant options are available.

Conference also offers store with t-shirts, CDs, Bibles, other faith gifts.

DUE DATES: SPACE IS LIMITED and INTEREST IS HIGH! Submit registration forms ASAP! REGISTRATION FORMS AND FULL **\$185 PAYMENT ARE DUE FEBRUARY 22!!**

CANCELLATION POLICY: The conference site is unable to offer us any reimbursement for any cancellations, so we extend this policy. However, we keep a waiting list. If a teen can be brought in to take a cancelled spot, then any payment will be refunded after the attending teen has paid.

OUR GROUP HISTORY: 2 YEARS AND COUNTING

About 50 teens from Columbus have joined hundreds of Omaha teens over the past 2 years to attend this Steubenville Conference. Based on the Omaha groups 10 years of experience in attending these Conference, the Steubenville Conference in Springfield, MO has the nicest selection of foods and the best housing accommodations.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

Belinda Keiter is our group coordinator, and has attended the Steubenville Conference both years. Along with Belinda, and Fr. Andrew Roza we anticipate 12 or more adult chaperones, including Gail Benesch, Paulette Paprocki, Sandy Swope, Dan Keiter and Nick Hall.

Along with Fr. Roza, we have Fr. Pat McLaughlin and are hoping to have other priests joining us.

All adult leaders have been through a background check and the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training for youth workers. We also train our leaders for effective youth mentoring for this specific conference. Our leaders are required to be Catholics in good standing, living their faith, and striving for a life of holiness, exemplifying the virtues of love and joy in Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Our adult leaders believe it is their personal calling to mentor and minister to youth with their gifts and hopes for the young Church, our teens.

Teens are formed into small groups of 6-8 teens with one or two adult leaders per group.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS and MEALS

We are housed in the dorms, females in one building, males in another across the campus. Beds are provided, but we need to bring sheets/sleeping bag and pillow. The teens have a roommate (teens are invited to state their preference for a roommate) with adults in their own rooms on the same floor. At all times throughout the weekend, teens are under the direct supervision of the adult leaders. Our entire group sits together for all the major sessions; breakout time is spent in small groups with their adult leader; meal times are shared in the dining hall where teens can sit with whoever they wish, and the adults are all around or enjoying a meal with them; and, teens report to their adult leader where they will be during free time. We truly know where the teens are at any given moment, as we understand the great trust parents are placing in us to offer their children a safe and truly meaningful faith experience.

The food service is exceptional at this conference as they serve us at their full-service dining hall; they serve "all-you-can-eat" with several entree choices, including lunch and dinner always offering a salad bar, burger/sandwich bar, plus 2 other entree lines (such as stir-fry, spaghetti, turkey and mashed potatoes) and fruits and vegetables (and ice cream--always popular) are constantly available.

WHAT THE CONFERENCE IS LIKE

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, hosts 18 "Steubie" Youth Conferences each summer in 12 cities across the U.S... over 40,000 teens will experience "Steubie" this summer! What a large youth group!

If you ask any teen who's been to a Steubie conference what it's like, you'll probably hear "You just have to experience it!" While each person comes as an individual and has their own individual experience, we know it is a powerful, inspiring experience for virtually every teen. Since taking hundreds of teens over the past ten summers, NOT ONE has come back stating they wish they hadn't gone. More often, teens are stating they wish the conference was a week long!

Here's what you can expect:

- You will meet some of the most amazing people, new friends to encourage you and have fun with and adults who truly care about you.
- An energetic and prayerful environment; witnessing the faith of 2,500 of your peers from around the country. Imagine a state-of-the-art concert hall filled with teens all excited to be there, ready to have fun, experience God and learn about our faith.
- Lots of good food!
- **YOU WILL NOT BE BORED!** Conference speakers who live their faith and know how to present it so you can further understand how relevant your faith is to your life--- and how needed you are in our world today!
- A music ministry that will lead you in energetic expression of faith and prayerful contemplation of God's personal love for you.
- Deeply prayerful and meaningful celebrations of the Liturgy, the Holy Mass.
- Supportive small group sessions where you can process all that you're hearing and experiencing.
- Entertainment and Recreation: Comedy act and free time to hang out and enjoy friends.
- An encounter with Jesus you will never forget!

Typical weekend schedule: Friday: We gather at St. Bonaventure and have our family send-off Mass around 7am.

1:00 pm 4:30 pm Arrival & Check-in
4:30 pm 6:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm 10:00 pm Opening Session
10:00 pm 11:00pm Free Time / Reconciliation / Small Group Time
11:00pm In Room 11:30pm Lights Out

Saturday

7:30 am 8:30 am Breakfast
8:30 am 9:00 am Hall Opens and Warm-ups
9:00 am 10:00 am Mass
10:00 am 11:30 am Morning Session
11:30 am 1:30 pm Lunch / Reconciliation
1:30 pm 2:30 pm Entertainment: Comedy Act
2:30 pm 3:30 pm Workshops
3:30 pm 4:30 pm Small Groups / Reconciliation
4:30 pm 6:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm 10:00 pm Evening Session
10:00 pm 11:00pm Free Time / Reconciliation / Small Group Time
11:00 pm In Room 11:30pm Lights out

Sunday

7:30am 8:30 am Breakfast (room check out)
8:45 am 10:30 am Men and Women's Sessions
10:45 am 12:30 pm Mass
12:30 pm 2:00 pm Lunch and Departure (room checkout)