



Dear Parents,

Your teen is invited to join our parish trip to the **Steubenville Youth Conference** the weekend of July 14-16. We are excited about the trip and pleased that we will be joining with other Lansing area parishes for the experience.

The Steubenville Youth Conference has over a forty year history of celebrating the Catholic Faith, holding up the teachings of the Church, and offering participants a vibrant experience of Sacrament and prayer. Mass is celebrated daily, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered during the weekend. The conference includes talks by nationally acclaimed speakers, live music, time for recreation, and small group discussions. The Saturday evening session will feature Eucharistic Adoration. During this powerful service many teens have come to truly experience the Lord's love for them and recognize their need to commit or recommit their lives to Him. The weekend closes with Sunday Mass, lunch, and departure.

At SYC Teens often experience their faith in powerful ways they have not imagined possible previously. Throughout the weekend the chaperones and young adult leaders will serve as small group facilitators to help the teens discuss and process what they have learned. We plan on having a chaperone for every five participants. All chaperones will have fulfilled Diocesan "safe-environment" requirements, which include a background check. Chaperones will also be faith-filled Catholics who will be doing their best throughout the trip to be models of true discipleship.

I hope you will encourage your son or daughter to attend the conference this year. I know it will be an unforgettable experience. We are honored to be a part of their spiritual journey. To help foster continued spiritual growth after the trip, we plan follow-up programming for the remainder of the summer for those who wish to be part of it.

Cost for the trip is \$310 – that includes transportation (by Dean Transportation), lodging, the conference, six meals, chaperones and the follow-up programming for the remainder of the summer. We hope to make this trip financially possible for all of our teens. We will be asking parishioners to sponsor students for the trip. For a \$50 donation, the sponsored teen will be providing their sponsor with a journal of their trip (I can help with this). We ask a \$70 non-refundable deposit, with registration.

**Payment Schedule**

\$70.00 due at registration

\$120.00 due April 30

\$120.00 due May 30.

Please pray that our teens commit themselves to the trip and that the Lord's will be done in the lives of each of them as they attend the conference. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

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