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Dear Group Leader,

We look forward to having you and your group at one of the 2020 Steubenville Youth Conferences! We are excited about our theme of Restored and Scripture from Psalm 80:3 "Restore us, O God, let thy face shine, that we may be saved."

We hope that during the conference weekend, through the Sacraments, worship, talks, and community, your youth will experience the restoration Jesus Christ has to offer each one of them. More and more youth experience busyness, confusion and anxiety. Our hope is that they would be restored to great peace and joy as a fruit of their encounter with Jesus. We want the youth to understand God's original plan for them and what they are being restored to: relationship with Him and freedom. God wants to restore them to the person He created them to be.

We wanted to share with you a few new aspects of the programming this year:

#### **Friday Night**

This year we will have Eucharistic Adoration prior to the keynote. As a team, we were drawn to the story of Moses and the burning bush. Moses is going about his usual, daily life and God reveals Himself to Moses in a surprising manner. In a similar way, Jesus surprises us, revealing Himself to us in ways and at times we may not expect. With Adoration first in the evening, the goal is the same. We want the youth to be before Jesus who will work in their lives and reveal Himself to them in unexpected ways, restoring their vision of who He is. We will pastorally prepare them for Adoration prior and then unpack their experience and the story of Moses in the keynote to follow.

#### **Workshops**

This year we will offer two workshops consecutively in the main venue. This allows for both to be in the better space and for the youth to attend both if they would like to do so. The expectation, however, is that they only need to choose one of the two options and take time for a break during the other workshop. We are relying on you, as the group leader, to know your youth and what they need during that time. We want them to be able to rest and process their experience of the conference prior to the start of Saturday night. One workshop will address restoring their conversation with God through prayer and offering a method of prayer for them to use. The other will relate to restoring peace by being anchored in Jesus amidst the busyness and chaos they experience in their lives and in the world.

#### **Post Conference Video**

Rather than addressing practical ways to live as a disciple from the stage, we plan to provide you with a video after the conference to share with your youth. This video will be a compilation of some ministry team members speaking to the necessary practices to continue the youth's journey with Jesus Christ, such as prayer, Sacraments, community, etc. You could send the video to them or perhaps show it at a post-conference follow up meeting. That gathering could also be a beautiful opportunity for the youth to share their experiences at the conference.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for the youth. Know of our prayers for you and your intentions. May God bless you and your ministry!

In Christ,  
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