



## WHY COME TO A STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE?



Each summer, Steubenville Youth Conferences serve over 50,000 youth and their leaders at 23 different conferences across North America. This outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville seeks to inspire and strengthen teens and youth groups in their collective journeys to Christ. These conferences are high-energy events featuring inspiring talks, dynamic worship, and profound encounters with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are both **a great “introduction” to the Gospel message** for new or younger teens, while **offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship** for even your Youth Group regulars. Give your own spirit the gift of renewal and give your teens the inspiration they need to renew not only your youth group, but your entire parish community. Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy!

### TEENS

One of St. Augustine’s most famous quotes is, *“Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.”* These words often describe the spiritual angst that teenagers experience throughout their high school years. Every teen has the desire to achieve something great and to be someone great. We see this desire played out on social media daily. At a Steubenville Conference, teens will learn what it takes to be great in this life. Teens will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their life. The goal of every Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting, and joyful!

### YOUTH MINISTERS

Being a youth minister is one of the most important tasks in the Church today. Throughout the year, youth ministers work tirelessly to evangelize and catechize the teens in their parishes. Attending a Steubenville Conference provides youth ministers the freedom to not have to worry about content preparation and instead focus on the relational ministry that is so necessary in every parish. This conference can be the launching point for discipleship, peer leadership, deeper prayer and a ministry rooted in the sacraments. You just have to get the teens there...and we’ll worry about the rest!

### PARENTS

Parents are the “primary catechists” of their teens and this is a daunting task when trying to navigate the ups and downs of a teen’s high school years. Between all the extra curricular commitments and academic obligations it can seem near impossible to make church a priority for teens. A Steubenville Conference often has the ability to give teens the spiritual boost that Catholic parents desire for their teens. Many teens have been known to come back from a Steubenville Conference not only renewed in their faith, but taking the lead to initiate prayer within their own family. Imagine how your teen will feel knowing after a Steubenville Conference that the Church is dynamic, alive, and full of hope just like them.