**Franciscan University of Steubenville**

**Summer Youth Conferences**

****

**“Behold, I make all things new.” Revelation 21:5**

**Go to http://www.saint-cyril.com/stubenville/. You will find the promo video-the registration form-this booklet-Music-information on LEAD-and a list of teens attending**

**July 7 - 9 2017**

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catholic Church**

**Information Handbook**

# What is Franciscan Youth Outreach?

**Thirty years ago, 500 youth and young adults gathered on our campus in Steubenville, Ohio for the very first youth conference. This summer, over 40,000 teens will participate at eighteen youth conference all over North America. A more complete history of our conferences is**[**available here.**](http://franciscanyouth.com/information/content/10/history)

[**Franciscan University of Steubenville**](http://franciscan.edu) **is a vibrant Catholic college built upon Jesus Christ – the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Rooted in Franciscan tradition, we accept the call given to St. Francis to, “Go and rebuild My Church.” This is done not only through our campus life, but also through our Youth Outreach Office, which serves the wider Church. Our focus is on bringing high school students into a life changing relationship with God and serving those who serve them.**

**We were created to seek and know the truth and encounter the life of God. Therefore, we are committed to boldly proclaiming Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life and illuminating for young people the richness of the Catholic Church. We understand that teens are constantly confronted with lies and choices that lead them away from Christ and the Church. Our conferences not only provide teens the opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, but challenge them to live for Him. Through the power of the Sacraments, inspiring talks, dynamic music, and expressive praise, teens are given an awesome weekend that can literally change the course of their lives.**

**We are excited about all that God has done over the past 30 years and look with expectation toward the future. We ask that you partner with us in our mission through prayer. For without the power of the Holy Spirit, we can do nothing.**

## Vision Statement

**Inviting youth into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit through a call to embrace the heart and mission of the Church.**

## Mission Statement

Franciscan University of Steubenville’s Youth Outreach Office (YOO) exists to evangelize youth primarily through large conferences and events. Charisms of these events include evangelical preaching, inspired witnessing, and anointed worship – all aimed at awakening the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. At the heart of the conference weekend are the sacraments, through which youth can experience the Father’s loving mercy, forgiveness, and healing compassion. This experience will enable them to respond to the mission of rebuilding the Church and carrying Christ’s love to the world. Franciscan University is also committed to providing resources for teens and youth ministers that will aid in their spiritual life as well as ministry.

**Introduction – “What Are The Steubenville Summer Youth Conferences?”**

These conferences are specialized to address the resources and needs of today‘s Catholic youth, organized on a regional level. With an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians, and presenters, the High School Youth Conferences will challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ who is their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world.

The Sacraments are the highlight of the weekend. Teens will join in two dynamic Eucharistic Liturgies during the weekend and will be given numerous opportunities to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are also powerful times of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration. Many youth have come to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit through this weekend.

If your teens are beginning their walk with Christ, needing strength to continue the journey, or just ready to rejoice many blessings He has given, then this is the conference for you!

Registration

On website-www.saint-cyril.com-go to Youth Ministry and drop down menu-to Steubenville page-complete liability waiver-electronically sign and submit-no need to provide me with hard copy-submit $100.00 deposit or full payment-full payment of $250.00 due May 1st. Liability form also available on home page of website under Youth Ministry News. Deposit is refundable to April 1st.

Fill cost of trip is $350.00pp. Attendees must participate in fundraiser to get the $100.00 discount and MUST sign up on sign up genius to get credit for participation.

**Schedule for the Weekend**

**Thursday July 6th**

**5:00PM Mass in the main church for all participants and families.**

**Pizza, drinks, dessert for all teens and parents in the social hall following the mass.**

**All are expected to attend.**

**Friday July 7th**

6:45 AM Report to St. Cyril’s. Load luggage onto chartered bus

Breakfast in the hall

7:15 AM Depart for Steubenville

2:30 PM Approximate Time of Arrival in Steubenville/Check-in

3:30 PM Move in boy and girl lodging

4:30-7:00 PM Dinner

5:45 PM Doors open

6:45–9:30 PM General Session: **Music, Music and more Music-Talk, Adoration**

9:30-10:00PM Small Group Discussion

10:00-12:00PM **Reconciliation.** Free time

**Saturday July 16th**

6:30–8:30 Breakfast

7:00-8:15 **Reconciliation**

7:30 Doors open

8:30-9:30 **Men’s and Women’s sessions**

9:45-12:00 General Session to include Saturday **daily Mass and Eucharistic**

**Adoration**

12:15-2:15 Lunch/Small groups

12:30-2:00 **Reconciliation**

1:30-2:15 **Workshop for graduated seniors**

2:30–3:15 Afternoon options-Entertainment or workshops

3:30-4:15 Workshops

4:30–6:30 Dinner/**Reconciliation/Small group**

5:45 Doors open

6:45-9:45 General session to include keynote and **Eucharistic Adoration and Procession**

10:00-12:00 **Reconciliation/Small group**

**Sunday July 17th**

**6:3**0–8:30 Breakfast

7:00-8:15 **Reconciliation**

7:30 Doors open

8:30-10:30 General Session to include keynote

10:30-12:00 **Mass**

12:00 Lunch

1:30pm Departure

4:00pm Crackle Barrell stop for dinner

9:00pm Arrival back to St. Cyril’s

**EMERGENCY PHONE LINES**

**there are two lines that may be called during the conference. the main line is 740.283.6801. the emergency only line is 740.283.6974.**

**the best emergency line to call is me. 215.896.6649. i will have my phone with me at all times. if i do not answer send me a text or send me a message. Most of the time it is much too loud to hear a phone ring even outside**

**additionally all of the chaperones will have their cell phones with them at all times. you can contact them. their numbers are as follows:**

TRIP COST

**Trip cost is $350.00pp ($250.00 with fundraiser).**

**A $100.00 deposit holds your reservation. This is the only way to guarantee your reservation. Phone calls, text messages, forms etc. do not work.**

**Deposit of $100.00 is refundable up to April 1st. After which it is not refundable as we will have paid Steubenville in full by that time**

**Final payment is due May 1st 2017**

**We ask each participant to pay $250.00. We fund raise the rest. In order to get credit for participating in a fundraiser, YOU MUST, sign up for that fundraiser on the SIGN UP GENIUS the link of which is below. If you show up to help at the end of Mass and have not signed up on the sign up genius you will not get credit. All of the fundraisers, pretzel sales and K of C breakfasts are listed on the sign up genius. Sign up NOW if you are planning on attending.**

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LATER EVENTS IN APRIL AND MAY. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING OR WHEN YOU MAKE THE DECISION, SIGN UP IMMEDIATELY. THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY SPOTS AND ONCE THOSE ARE TAKEN YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SIGN UP AND YOU WILL MISS OUT ON THE DISCOUNT.**

**http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4aa8ac2da64-genesis**

**Major Policies for the Franciscan University Youth Conferences**

Appropriate Dress and Speech: All participants (Youth and Adult Chaperones) are expected to dress in a fashion that represents modesty and good taste, respecting other participants and our Lord. Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs. Bikini tops, low cut tops, miniskirts, short shorts, or other inappropriate attire are not to be worn at any time during the conference. Gentlemen are required to wear shirts at all times. Shoes are also to be worn at all times. Clothing that displays profane or offensive messages or images is not allowed. Group Leaders and Adult Chaperones are expected to communicate these expectations to the Youth beforehand and to enforce the dress code at the conference. Violators will be asked to change clothing at the discretion of the Conference Staff. All participants are expected to use positive and up-building speech during the conference. Foul and abusive language will not be permitted.

First Aid: For any medical or health issue, all participants will be directed to First Aid. This includes migraines, asthma, and exhaustion. Note: First Aid will not dispense medication (Tylenol, Advil, Aspirin, etc.) to participants. If needed, these medications can be brought from home or purchased at the campus bookstore. All Youth visiting First Aid must be accompanied by the Group Leader or an Adult Chaperone.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco: All state laws governing alcohol, drugs and tobacco will be strictly enforced. Possession or consumption of alcohol and drugs is not permitted on campus during the conference. During conference sessions, we ask that all participants refrain from smoking. All buildings and tents are smoke-free facilities.

Insubordination: All Youth and Adult Chaperones are expected to follow the direction of security and Conference Staff. Any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will be subject to appropriate discipline and/or fines. Disciplinary action will be directed primarily through interaction with the Group Leader. Strikes, as detailed below, will be issued as necessary.

Three Strike Violation System: We have implemented the following Three Strikes Violation System for groups or individuals that violate any regulation or policy of Franciscan University of Steubenville‘s High School Youth Conferences. Please discuss all rules and the Three Strike Violation System with Youth before arriving. At the discretion of the Group Leader, the violation fine(s) can be paid by the group or by the person(s) responsible for the violation.

* + - First violation: A $25 fine is assessed to the group.
    - Second violation: An additional $25 fine is assessed to the group.
    - Third violation: A final $25 fine is assessed to the group, and the loss of conference attendance for one year is applied to the entire group.

There are other serious items that should be discussed with your group. Specifically, the following are misconduct issues that will not be tolerated at High School Youth Conferences as quoted from the Franciscan University of Steubenville Student Handbook, Article III: Proscribed Conduct:

***\*3:10 Use, possession, or distribution of narcotic or other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law***

***\*3:11 Use, possession, sale, consumption, or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and by University regulations, or public intoxication.***

***\*3:12 Possession or use of firearms, explosives, other weapons, incendiary devices, firecrackers or dangerous chemicals on University premises.***

For security reasons, Franciscan University of Steubenville reserves the right to check all bags/luggage/containers and confiscate any of the above mentioned items that are brought to our High School Youth Conferences.

Reporting of Incidence: If you witness any Youth or Adult Chaperone violating any policy in regard to Child Protection or Franciscan University‘s guidelines, you are required to report it immediately to a member of the Conference Staff.

The Christian Outreach Office of Franciscan University reserves the right to deny entrance to, or request the ejection of, any group or individual who does not comply with the regulations and policies of Franciscan University of Steubenville‘s High School Youth Conferences. Should any individual/group be denied entrance or be ejected for violating any rule or policy, no refund will be made.

The Christian Outreach Office reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions at any time.

**Meals**

While travelling to Steubenville, we will stop at a Turnpike rest stop. You will receive $10 in cash (which was included in the cost of your trip) which you can use to purchase lunch. On the way home, we will make a stop for dinner, which has also been included in the cost of your trip. All meals served on-campus are served in bags. Participants will walk through a line to pick up their food and eat outside. For those who would like more to eat, additional food items will be available for sale between sessions in the JC Williams Center. Please note: Admittance to the cafeteria will be scheduled at designated times by wristband color. This wristband schedule will be handed to you at check in and will be posted around campus.

**ALLERGIES AND DIETARY NEEDS:**

All allergies and dietary needs are to be recorded on the Liability Forms.

Our food services department **is able to accommodate** allergies to Milk, Eggs, Wheat, Soy, Fish, Shellfish,

Peanuts, Tree nuts, Gluten, Dairy, and Diabetic needs, and Low sodium.

If your allergies are not on this list or if you require further assistance regarding allergies please contact us at

maincampus.allergies@gmail.com so we can accommodate you.

**They handle 50,000 teens over the course of June, July and August so this is not a proble**

**What To Bring:**

* A sleeping bag and pillow (or small cot/air mattress)
* An alarm clock
* Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.); some toiletries are available for purchase at the bookstore should you need anything during the conference
* A washcloth and towel
* A rain poncho or windbreaker
* Comfortable footwear is essential! **Flip flops are not recommended for walking around campus since the campus is built on a hill and has rough terrain. They may be worn however in shower areas.**
* **A backpack to carry belongings throughout the day as all sleeping areas are off limits during the day (HIGHLY RECCOMENDED!!!); however, they may search all bags prior to entrance to all sessions.**
* A sweatshirt or jacket for the evening sessions (the Field house can get cold)
* A fan (plan on not having air conditioning!)
* Our Group T-shirts. We will wear our GYM shirt out and a Steubenville shirt on Saturday and Sunday. GYM shirts will be given out at gatherings
* Sunblock
* A Bible, notebook and pen
* Spending money (to visit the Franciscan University Bookstore or to purchase snacks, food and drinks during free time; ­water will be provided at all meals, but alternate beverages will be available for purchase)
* Appropriate clothing
* **It is recommended that your son/daughter not bring their cell phone. If they must call you once a day they can use one of the chaperones phones.** CELL PHONES, I Pods, and personal audio/video devices can be brought for the bus ride however **NO ONE** is responsible **BUT YOU** for lost or stolen items! **I PADS AND OTHER SIMILAR TABLETS ARE NOT ALLOWED**. Items cannot be stored on the bus during the conferences. **Cell phones will not be allowed to be carried during the day.** Teens will have their cell phones on the bus, in the evening before bedtime and in the morning before leaving for breakfast. All electronic devices will be collected by chaperones at time of lights out and at time of departure in the morning. The activities during the day consume their time. Everything is done together. Community time is important. Nothing is more distracting and/or rude than texting during a presentation, small group, Adoration, meal time. This also takes them away from spending quality time with the people they are with. **Any attempt to lie about having a cell phone or any attempt to turn in a non-working cell phone and keeping the good one will result in a conversation being held between me, parents and teen upon their return home. This policy is important and taken seriously. Do not be surprised by it or be surprised when it is enforced.**

Rest stops will be taken on Friday and Sunday; $10 will be provided on Friday and Sunday’s dinner is will be paid for

**The most important thing to bring is an open mind and open heart.**

Youth Only – a completely filled out Youth Registration and Liability Release Form signed by a parent/legal guardian. It must be printed and a hard copy provided to me. This is on line and the link has been provided to you. Please complete this ASAP.

Adult Chaperones and Group Leaders Only - A completely filled out Adult Chaperone Application signed by the Adult Chaperone and Group Leader; also your Safe Environment clearances MUST be completed before departure. An additional form authorized by the Archbishop attesting to the completion of Safe Environment procedures is required of all chaperones.

If anyone is bringing cameras or video cameras, please know that flash photography during the Liturgies is not allowed. In addition, the sessions and Liturgies cannot be videotaped. Videotaping of speakers is not allowed.

**Housing**

On-campus housing is in dormitories, half of which are not air-conditioned. Additionally, you can expect to sleep minimum of four participants per room on campus. Please note that there are on average two beds per room which necessitates that at least half will have to sleep on the floor. We may also use common areas like lounges or meeting rooms in which we will sleep 15 or more participants. Please pack accordingly (sleeping bags, cots, mattresses, blankets, pillows and fans). On-campus housing arrangements will be made after we have received all of the Group Information Forms, and groups will be informed of their specific housing locations at check-in on the opening day of the conference.

For those staying in the on-campus dorms, please be prepared to walk a significant distance with your luggage. Busses may be permitted to drive directly to most dormitories TO UNLOAD. BUT THE SAME PROCEDURE WILL NOT BE IN PLACE AT DEPARTURE. In the past this has resulted in the girls having to walk a significant distance with the luggage. The guys always help with this. Again, packing as light as possible will help.

For security concerns and in order to protect both the Youth and Adult Chaperones, dorms are closed (off limits) throughout the day from the beginning of the morning session until after the evening session is over. No attendee, whether Group Leader, Adult Chaperone, Clergy or Youth, will be allowed in these areas for any reason. Also, no one will be allowed to stay in his/her sleeping area for any reason during conference session times. Please be sure to take any items you will need throughout the day, including medications, with you when you leave the dorm in the morning. Youth and Adult Chaperones can bring backpacks to carry items throughout the day. We suggest that all attendees bring a small drawstring backpack.

All Youth participants and Adult Chaperones must be in their sleeping areas by the assigned time. An atmosphere of quiet and respect is expected following lights out. Violators will be subject to appropriate discipline and/or fines. Dorm room doors are to remain unlocked and open at all times, even during sleeping times. Adult Chaperones should avoid any situation where they are alone with a Youth. Because of the need to keep most of the doors open and unlocked, we are asking all participants not to bring valuables. Franciscan University is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please follow the instruction of the Housing Host for any exceptions.

For a majority of campus housing, there is at least one large bathroom per floor. Group Leaders and Adult Chaperones are given special shower times throughout the weekend. Please note that showers for all participants will be available at designated times only. These times will be posted on the bathroom doors. The showers do have curtains.

**Session Information**

All participants, including chaperone, must attend all sessions **without exception**. There will be workshop sessions on Saturday afternoon during which you can choose from one of three breakout workshops on different topics. More information will be available when we arrive for the conference.

All attendees will be given a wristband which MUST be worn at all times. It is your entrance pass to the conference sessions as well as your meal ticket. If it is lost, you will be changed a replacement fee.

**Small Group Discussion**

There will be time allotted for small group discussions throughout the weekend. The groups will be assigned before we depart and will include a chaperone and at least one L.E.A.D student leader who has attended LEAD to assist the conversation. You are expected to attend all small group discussion times. This is very important time during the weekend and will be utilized at every opportunity.

**About the Campus**

Major places of interest:

Finnegan Field House (“The FFH”) – the main conference area; this air-conditioned, indoor arena plays host to the major conference sessions as well as the Women’s Session

Men’s Tent – generally, there is a large tent behind the fieldhouse that hosts the Men’s sessions during the weekend

JC Williams Center (“The JC”) – this is the main office building on campus which houses the bookstore, the coffee shop, café, and conference information center

Portiuncula Chapel (“The Port”) – this small re-creation of a chapel built by St. Francis of Assisi in Italy provides perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Antonian Dining Hall – all meals are distributed from the Dining Hall however meals are eaten outside; generally speaking, we will try to eat together as much as possible

Christ the King Chapel (“CTK”) – this is the major chapel on campus; it usually plays host to one of the workshops and also is where the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at times throughout the weekend.

