

FAQ STEUBENVILLE NYC 2019 July 19th- 21st

Why should a teen attend Steubenville?

The Steubenville Youth Conferences are held all over the country. We attend a conference at St. John's University a weekend in late July. It is an opportunity for teens to connect with God our Father through Sacraments and teachings of the Church, unite with about 2000 other teens from across the country, and grow in their faith as they live a life centered on God. There will be dynamic speakers, inspirational worship and reverent sacramental celebrations aimed to help them grow in their faith journey. Most teens that attend a Steubenville Conference say it is a life changing experience where they experience the Holy Spirit, get a deeper love of the Eucharist, or become more committed in their faith. They may be reluctant to attend but once they do, mostly all want to return. It takes just a little courage to attend the first time.

Cost of the trip - \$280.00 by 6/1/19. \$50 deposit 5/1/19

Contact Maria Luby, fl-youth@stvparish.org if interested.

What ages can attend the conference?

The youth conference is open to all teens who have just graduated 8th grade up to those who just graduated high school. Anyone between the ages of 19-21 cannot attend unless they just graduated high school.

Who may chaperone?

Each group is allowed 1-2 chaperones per 10 youth of each gender. Chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and are required to have completed the Safe Environment Training through the Philadelphia Archdiocese and have a valid PA State Police Criminal Background check and Child Abuse Background Check. Proof of the Safe Environment attendance and background checks must be on file with the chaperone's parish rectory.

How many chaperons are supervising the teens?

Steubenville requires that we have a ratio of 1 chaperone for every 8 teens. All events are in the St. John's Student Union Center and Field House. Teens and chaperones will know where each other are at all times.

Where do we meet on Friday morning?

TBA

Where is the group staying?

Suite-style College dorms on the campus of St. John's University

What are the sleeping arrangements?

The teens will be assigned to double and triple dorm rooms.

Are the teens allowed to bring a cell phone?

Yes, they can bring their cell phones to take pictures and make emergency calls. We would like them to use them sparingly during the weekend!

Dress Code

We ask that the teens dress modestly. That includes no short shorts, tank tops, belly shirts, or low cut tops. Teens must wear sleeved shirts. There is lots of walking to the events so sneakers are recommended but teens can bring a pair flip flops in their backpack to the daily activities. Bring a sweatshirt to the daily activities for kneeling and keeping warm in the air condition.

Discipline

Steubenville has a 3 strike policy for infractions.

1 st Strike - \$25 fine to the youth group

2 nd Strike - \$25 fine to the youth group

3 rd Strike - \$25 fine to the youth group and loss of attendance for 1 year

No foul or abusive language No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes (parent will be called to pick the teen up) Teens are not permitted to wander around or leave the buildings on the Steubenville campus unless escorted by chaperone.

Medication

A chaperone will have aspirin, Ibuprofen, and Tums. Each teen/parent needs to complete the Archdiocese Medical Release form for teens to take any medication. Any diabetes medications, Epi-Pens, prescription medications must be disclosed to chaperones. There is a health center on Campus. Any teen that gets sick must be accompanied by a chaperone until the health center releases them.

What should I pack?

Sleeping bag or Sheets and blanket plus a pillow, bath towel, toiletries, clothing, journal, cameras (cell phone camera is permitted), umbrella and rain gear, sun block, sandals/flip flops, sweatshirt, backpack (to carry belongings), snacks for dorm room & bus trip,, Frisbee/ball/playing cards for downtime, phone charger, a bible, a rosary, a notebook and pen, These are not the only items but ones you may not think about.

How much spending money should I bring?

\$30 should be sufficient. The teens may want to buy something at the St. John's book store (teens usually buy small gift card for prayer partner). **Friday's lunch and Sunday's dinner are not provided.** Teens may want to bring money for food for these meals. There is a Dunkin Donuts on the campus & food trucks on Saturday.☺

What meals will be provided?

Dinner Friday night (St. Johns), Breakfast Saturday, lunch and dinner Saturday (St. John's), Breakfast & Lunch Sunday (St. John's). Wristbands are given to teens and that will get them box and bag meals. Meals include items such as hot chicken sandwich, hamburgers, and hoagies.

What time do we leave the Conference on Sunday?

The Steubenville activities on Sunday will be completed around 1 p.m. and we should arrive home between 3 – 4:00 pm.