**Steubenville FAQs**

**What IS a Steubenville Conference?**

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God’s children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com.

**What do you DO at a Conference?**

Each Steubenville Conference has a variety of activities including speakers, small group sessions, men’s and women’s sessions, live concerts, Adoration, Reconciliation, and FUN! Additionally, the Eau Claire Deanery Group will be going to the Mall of America on our way to (or from) the Conference.

From the conference website….” *Participants arrive with their groups and check-in mid-afternoon Friday. After dinner, the conference starts with a welcome from the Conference Host, who is part of the Ministry Team, a short teaching about worship and the Keynote address. The evening concludes with simple Eucharistic Adoration followed by time for the participants to gather in their small groups and/or go to Confession. Saturday begins with Mass and separate Men’s and Women’s sessions Lunch starts the afternoon and happening simultaneously is another opportunity for small group time and/or Confession followed by the Senior and Graduated Senior workshop, an option of two workshops for all others and the afternoon Keynote. Dinner, small group time and an opportunity for Confession begin Saturday evening. This is followed by the Keynote and, what is often described by teens and adults alike as the absolute highlight of the weekend, Eucharistic Holy Hour with formal procession throughout the entire arena. Again, at the conclusion, groups gather for their small group time and/or Confession. Sunday morning starts with the Keynote address, which generally focuses on how to bring the things they have heard throughout the weekend into a personal and practical reality for their everyday life. The conference wraps-up with the closing Mass usually celebrated by the local Bishop.”*

**Who can attend?**

Those entering 9th-12th grades or those who have just graduated from High School. To be eligible to attend, teens must have at least completed 8th grade.

**What is the cost?**

The cost of each conference differs based on specific speakers, musicians, housing, and amount of attendees. Our current estimate is $245/person. As more information is provided from the Steubenville conferences and Partnership for Youth, we will update any changes.

**Are scholarships or fundraising available?**

The Eau Claire Deanery Group will be involved in various fundraising activities to try and lower and offset the cost for each individual involved. We will also be looking for scholarship opportunities.

**What do I need to bring?**

A detailed packing list will be provided closer to the conference…. attendees are expected to bring modest clothing, toiletries, a Bible and journal, and small sports pack or backpack, and spending money.

**Are cell phones allowed?**

Yes, but they must be on vibrate or silent during the sessions, adoration and confession. Steubenville uses the “MyParish” app for communication throughout the weekend.

**Where will we be staying?**

Each Steubenville Conference has different accommodations. The accommodations at the St. Paul Conference have traditionally been the University of St. Thomas Dormitories.

**What do people SAY about Steubenville?**

Here are some quotes from previous attendees….

“I left Steubenville with the relief and joy of having a couple of years’ worth of self-recrimination, self-doubt, and fear of having failed… all washed away, all made pure, all accepted as an offering to God. Tears of relief, tears of joy. Truly a healing experience.”

 “What is the purpose of Steubenville Conferences? To encounter our living and ever-present God in a deeply profound and intimate way.”

“The Steubenville Conference changed my heart. I realized the importance of growing with my relationship with God on my own time, through prayer. This is what gives us strength to share our faith with others.”

“The room came to life with Christ. I saw my faith in a new light. I began to realize what it means to be a Catholic teenager in this day and age and what a truly beautiful gift it really is.”