

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE  
2018 Theme: "REVEALED"  
July 13-15, 2017  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
(as of 1-31-17)

Dear Youth and Chaperones:

I am so excited that you've answered the call to join our pilgrimage to the Steubenville East Conference! It is wonderful to think about the amazing opportunity we've once again been given to renew and strengthen our relationship with God. Each year, it seems He reaches us in a special way that uniquely impacts our hearts, minds, and souls forever. I am honored to be part of this life-changing experience with each of you. In anticipation, I ask that you join me in reflection and prayer to ensure our experience is a safe, memorable, and grace-filled time where God continues to bless us with his presence.

With eagerness to see all that He has in store for you, Michelle

ARRIVAL: Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 8:15am for 9:00am departure (Families are welcome to join us for sendoff prayer.)

We will have sign-in table with information (e.g., group lists and cell phone numbers) for Youth, Parents, and Chaperones. Please separate boys and girls luggage to make for easier unloading at dorms. Also, please wear your Youth Group T-shirts and bring a bag lunch, drink, and light sweatshirt on bus in a back pack/string bag.

ATTIRE: On Friday we will wear our Youth Group shirts (TBD), our Conference shirts (TBD) on Saturday, and our "Sunday Best" for Mass on Sunday.

CT PRE-RALLY: 10:30am Saint Anne Shrine, Sturbridge, MA, including Praise/Music, Youth Testimonies, Mass, and time for Lunch. We will be seeking volunteers for St. Dom's testimony. (Depart for UMASS at 1pm.)

REGISTRATION: We will register our group at the Tsongas Center. Only group leaders (John and Michelle) will disembark the bus at this time. Once the group leaders return, everyone will be taken to their respective dorms. During transport, we will hand out lanyards, key cards/keys, and wrist bands that must be kept on you/worn at all times.

DAILY AGENDA: (All times are approximate.)

Friday – Registration, Dinner, Evening Session 6-11

Saturday – Breakfast, Morning Session 8:30-12:30, Lunch, Afternoon Session 2:30-5, Dinner, Evening Session 7-11

Sunday – Breakfast, Morning Session 8:30-12:30, Lunch

MEALS: Dinner on Friday and all other meals will be provided. You may want to bring water and snacks for in-between or extra money for pizza/ice cream runs at night as our assigned meal times vary.

RETURN: We will depart UMASS on Sunday July 15 at 2:30pm from your dorm areas with return to St. Dom's at approximately 5:00 for Family Dinner. (Watch for sign-up information at meeting on June 7th.)

WHAT TO BRING:

Small fan (in case there is no AC)  
Light jacket/sweatshirt (it gets cold in the Arena)  
Bible, journal, and pen  
Pillow, sheets (twin long), and light blanket/sleeping bag (please put into a labeled garbage bag for easy and clean transport)  
Sneakers/comfortable shoes for walking rather than flip-flops  
Casual attire that shows respect for yourself and others (e.g., no tank tops or short-shorts)  
Towel, soap, shampoo, and other toiletries  
Rain gear (e.g., extra socks)  
Spending money for shirt/book/CD/jewelry (optional/no more than \$20-\$25)  
Kneelers (have several in stock)

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Any electronic device  
Any valuables, including jewelry/large amounts of money  
Cell phone\* (Note: Youth are asked to limit use for the entire weekend. Calls/texts home should be expected in the early morning or dinner time only. Parents will be given Chaperone contact information for "check-in" texts or in case of emergency.)

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Open Mind and Heart  
Group Check-Ins (Sign-up for Remind, 1-2-3 Count Off)  
Buddy System (Chaperones, Bathroom Visits, Store, Confession, etc.)  
Respect and Responsibility (Self, Each Other, Adults, Speakers, Organizers, Attendees)  
Room Management (Once in, stay in. Get up on time. Be ready.)  
Care for Self and Group

PAYMENT: Registration forms and \$50 deposit due February 23rd, \$225 balance due April 30th. Please make checks payable to Saint Dominic's Church and submit to the RE Office labeled "Steubenville".

FURTHER INFO: <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>

<http://lifeteen.com/events/steubenville-east/>

FACEBOOK PAGE: Saint Dominic Youth Group (closed group). Please join to receive Steubenville updates, Youth reactions/responses, and to view daily pics.