

We are excited to begin registration and planning for our youth group to attend the 2016 Steubenville conference in Springfield July 08-10, 2016, on the campus of the Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri. We will depart St. Patrick Parish by bus on July 08 at 9am and will return to St. Patrick Parish by bus on July 08 at about 5pm. This dynamic conference offers our youth an opportunity to experience a great encounter with the Holy Spirit!

To begin registering your youth for this trip, we will require the permission slip filled out entirely and turned in with a check for \$175.

The registration process this year is very different from years past. There is much less dorm space this year than in years past and the conference continues to grow so there is a greater chance we will have to stay in a hotel by the University. Groups staying in hotels was new last year but it was very successful and the Archdiocese of St. Louis has made it even easier this year. If we have to stay in a hotel, we will stay in one that the Archdiocese has set-up an agreement with. There will be added security such as hall monitoring and curfews in the hotel. We will stay 4 to a room with 2 queen/double beds. Most of the hotels are providing shuttle service as well for the youth groups staying with them to get them back and forth between the hotel and the campus. Staying in a hotel versus staying on campus will not affect the price more than about \$25 per person, therefore, we will not know the total price of the trip until we know where we are staying for the conference. The conference price includes conference admission, meals, lodging, transportation, and our own coordinated t-shirts and swag for the conference. Youth are encouraged to bring extra money for items at the conference store as well as snacks and sodas outside of meal times.

The first payment of \$175 is due February 1st, 2016 with the completed registration form. The remaining balance is due June 15th, 2016. PLEASE TURN IN ALL PAYMENTS AND REGISTRATION FORMS TO DEACON CHAD. Once the reservation is made in February, the trip is nonrefundable from the conference organizers.

We will be conducting fundraisers throughout the year to help cover the expenses of the conference and to offer scholarships. Each fundraiser that your youth attends and helps will earn them a \$10 discount on the final payment for the 2016 Steubenville Conference.

If the cost of the trip is an issue for your youth due to financial burdens, please talk with Jennifer O'Day or Deacon Chad about scholarships. Youths who want to apply for scholarships are expected to participate in the fundraisers that help generate the money for the Steubenville scholarship fund. If your youth would like a scholarship and cannot participate in the fundraisers, please contact Deacon Chad.

Please feel free to contact Deacon Chad Lewis or Jennifer O'Day with any questions about this event. Contact information is as follows:

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