



ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION PARISH

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are writing this letter to tell you about a very exciting Catholic youth conference that the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Office of Catholic Youth that we at St Mary of the Visitation Parish have the opportunity to participate in

We are thrilled and very blessed to announce that, for the fifth year, the Steubenville Youth Conference experience will be coming to Toronto! Steubenville Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, are a series of 18 summer conferences across North America that bring over 40,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ.

The Steubenville Toronto Conference will be held at UOIT Campus in Oshawa where over 2,000 young people will gather to celebrate and grow their faith. This is an amazing opportunity for youth to experience the Church in a whole new way! Our parish will be taking a group of youth to the conference this year.

The details of the conference are as follows:

Dates - Friday, July 13- Sunday, July 15, 2018

Location - **University of Toronto - Oshawa Campus**

Cost: \$300 per youth, which includes accommodations, bus transportation & food.

Each young person will be asked to pay **\$100.00 at registration and an additional \$100.00 no later than June 1, 2018.**

Fundraising Once again, our focus will be on several spiritual development opportunities during the year and not on fundraising. We will, however, offer the wider parish an opportunity to invest in our young people and cover the remaining costs through donations. We will be hosting a special Father's Day Catholic Café where "Krispy Kreme Donuts" will be available – proceeds will go toward reducing costs.

Eligibility: Young people attending must be active members of our Da Crew or if not yet in high school our Kids Klub. They must also be practicing their faith on the Lord's Day.

Age range: Youth entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2018 OR high school youth graduating in 2018

Transportation Will be arranged from the parish. More details on this when our group size is confirmed.

More Info, videos and testimonials from youth who have attended past conferences can be found at www.steubenvilleconferences.com

Twitter: [@steubenvilleTO](https://twitter.com/steubenvilleTO)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/steubenvilleTO>

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/SteubenvilleYouth

The parish has reserved 25 spots. In order for youth to reserve a spot, they must complete the attached Letter of Permission and return it with a **\$100 non refundable deposit no later than Sunday, April 29, 2018.** Cheques can be made out to St Mary of the Visitation Parish. The remaining amount of \$100.00 must be paid by June 1, 2018. It is important to note that this event is customarily a sold out one so the purchase of “late tickets” may not be possible. Therefore we will be restricted to the first 25 to register.

Once tickets have been reserved, the Youth Ministry team will work at gathering often to ensure various opportunities together for spiritual and social development as a group. More information regarding the logistics of the conference will be given once tickets have been reserved.

It is our hope that we can bring as many youth as possible to the conference this year. We ask that you please discuss this as a family and discern whether or not your youth is able to attend. Should you have any questions about the conference or would like to inquire about financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to the opportunity for your son or daughter to attend and please continue to pray for our Youth Ministry programs!

Together in the Lord’s Service,

Father F. Freitas,
Pastor

LETTER OF PERMISSION

I _____ the parent/legal guardian of _____ hereby give permission for him/her to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in Toronto, Ontario on the weekend of Friday, July 13- Sunday, July 15 2018. I agree that my child and I have read the following rules of conduct and have completed the health information below:

Rules of Conduct for Participants:

During your stay at Steubenville Youth Conference:

- 1 I am responsible for having a GREAT time and participating fully in all aspects.
- 2 I am responsible for the care of my sleeping area during my stay and respecting the hotel property and premises.
- 3 I will not enter any sleeping area except my own for any reason.
- 4 I am responsible for taking good care of equipment or facilities I use.
- 5 I will keep the washrooms and showers tidy and report any problems to Conference staff .
- 6 I will keep in mind that Steubenville Youth Conference is a smoke free, drug and alcohol free enviroment.
- 7 During free time I will stay in designated areas unless accompanied by staff.
- 8 I am responsible for my own sleep and will Be Quiet at "Lights Out."
- 9 I understand that *during the weekend, a - 1:10 - Adult:Teen ration will be present.*

CURRENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION

YOUTH'S NAME: _____ HEALTH CARD # _____
HOME CONTACT#: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ (other than parent)
EMERGENCY PHONE #: _____

CURRENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

1: Is your son/daughter allergic to any drugs, foods, medications/other? **YES:** _____ **NO:** _____
IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS: _____

2: Does your child take any prescription drugs? **YES:** _____ **NO:** _____
IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS: _____

3: What medication(s) should the participant have on hand during this trip? _____

4: Who should administer the medication? _____

5: Specify any other physical limitations your child has that may affect them from fully participation on this trip. Provide pertinent details or contact supervising adult leader(s). _____

I hereby give my permission for my child to take part in the retreat. I also give my permission for my child to be transported in vehicles used in conjunction with these events. I further give my permission for the designated/approved church representatives or sponsors to secure any needed medical treatment for the above named. I release the church representatives or sponsors from liability for accidents or injuries on these trips or activities.

Parental/Guardian Signature _____

Participants Signature _____