



SAINT MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

A Conference in the Anglican Tradition for
Young Adults of All Christian Communion

Holy Family Retreat Center
West Hartford, Connecticut
July 25 to July 31, 2021
www.SaintMichaelsConference.com



NOT YOUR TYPICAL CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP

At Saint Michael's Conference, you won't find cabins, mess halls, or archery. You *will* experience engaging conversations about Jesus, daily worship, and plenty of time to hang out with new friends.

Saint Michael's Conference is a week-long summer conference that centers on worship, discussion, recreation, and relaxation, so young adults can seek a clearer vision of God in Christ.

WHAT'S A DAY LIKE?

We meet each morning to worship together and start the day in prayer. After a hearty breakfast, we spend time in an informal setting, learning and exchanging ideas about Christianity and the influence it has on society and each of us. Most afternoons, we're playing volleyball, basketball, kickball, Frisbee, or lounging on the lawn.

Before dinner, we reconvene for Solemn Evensong. Evening activities range from square dancing and talent shows, to scavenger hunts and dance parties. Free time follows before lights out.

"WHAT SHOULD I BRING?"

We're glad you asked!

Make sure to pack:

- Your Bible
- Notebook
- Favorite pen or pencil
- Picnic blanket for lounging
- Clothes for playing
- Layers for air conditioning
- Dress clothes for Friday night
- Your best cowboy/cowgirl outfit (no, not kidding)
- Bathing suit
- Washcloth and toiletries
- A bit of pocket money

Leave these at home:

- Sleeping bag
- Towel
- Calamine lotion
- Flashlight

CONFERENCE STAFF

Our ministry is to guide young people in their journey of understanding and embracing faith in Christ, and we take it seriously.

The Conference is directed by a dedicated Staff of more than 25 clergy and lay leaders, many of whom were Conferees themselves.

Director

The Reverend Jay C. James

Assistant Director

The Reverend Fredrick A. Robinson

Dean and Registrar

Jesse Shedden

Choirmaster and Organist

Dr. Mark F. Dwyer

New and Returning Conferees, I invite you to join us this year at Saint Michael's Conference in what promises to be a defining moment in your spiritual life. There's nothing more important than your relationship with Our Savior Jesus Christ, and our Conference Staff is here to help guide you in understanding and deepening your Christian Faith. You can expect lots of fun and fellowship with your peers, along with challenging discussions and learning. At the center of it all is the worship of Our Lord. We hope you'll be there with us.

In Christ,
Father Jay James



"I am very happy I went to Saint Michael's this summer and plan to attend every year I can until I age out. I am grateful to have met all the members of St. Michael's Conference and can't wait to see them all again." –Marie, 2nd-year Conferee

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2021 REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.SAINTMICHAELSCONFERENCE.COM/REGISTRATION

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

In case of emergency during the Conference week, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency phone: _____

Name of family doctor: _____

Doctor's telephone: _____

Medical insurance company: _____

Medical insurance policy number: _____

I've included the required photocopy of the applicant's insurance card (front and back). Without this, my application will be rejected.

List any medical problems and corresponding medication. All medicines must be given to Conference first aid personnel upon arrival.: _____

List any allergic reactions to medication, food, etc.: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK BY JULY 1 TO:

Rob Braman
Registrar, Saint Michael's Conference
76 Lawton Road
Needham, Massachusetts 02492
Checks payable to "Saint Michael's Conference"

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE?

E-mail us at SaintMichaelsConference@gmail.com

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enclosed is: \$395 (the balance of \$200 will be paid upon arrival)
 \$595 (registration paid in full)

Name: _____ Goes by: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ Sex: Male Female

School grade (as of September 2021): 9 10 11 12 Post high school

Parent/guardian name: _____

Parent/guardian cell phone: _____

Parent/guardian email: _____

Conferee email: _____

Parish (name, city): _____

Priest's signature of approval: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I give my consent for _____ to participate in the activities of Saint Michael's Conference. I also agree that the Conference Personnel will not be liable to him/her or to me for any injury or other bodily harm which may be suffered, unless due to negligence on the part of said Personnel. I further give my consent to the Conference Personnel to render and perform such first aid as may be deemed necessary, and to transport him/her to a hospital for further treatment, if that should be advisable.

In addition, I hereby give permission to the physician secured by Conference Personnel to authorize routine tests and x-rays and provide medical treatment for the health of my child if I cannot be reached, or in the event of an emergency while he/she is attending the Conference.

I have read through the Conference rules (found at www.saintmichaelsconference.com/rules) with my child, and we agree to adhere to them for the duration of the Conference.

I give my consent for the applicant named above to be photographed for the group photo and for any other photos or videos taken by either the Conference photographer/videographer or Conference attendees. NOTE: Some photos and/or videos will be used for Conference publicity.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

COURSE SELECTION

FIRST PERIOD

- 1ST YEAR CONFEREES** Forum: A study of basic aspects of Christian life including the Bible, the Eucharist, Penance, and Prayer.
- 2ND YEAR CONFEREES** The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Getting right with God through self-examination, repentance, confession, and forgiveness.
- 3RD YEAR CONFEREES** The Holy Eucharist: A study of the central act of worship, devotion, and sacramental life of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
- 4TH YEAR CONFEREES** Dogma: It's not restrictive, but liberating. Dogma puts us all on the same page in the proclamation of the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.
- 5TH YEAR CONFEREES AND BEYOND (SELECT ONE)** Learning to Pray: There's more to prayer than just asking for things. Deepen your prayer life by learning different components of prayer.
- Symbolism in Holy Week: Learn the significance of all Holy Week services and how they tell of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection.

JUNIOR COURSES

A Junior is any Conferee who will be in grades 9, 10, or 11 in the fall of 2021. Please number your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each period.

SECOND PERIOD

Rank

- Understanding Liturgical Ceremony: Why we do what we do in liturgy doesn't have to be a mystery. Come learn about it!
- Mere Christianity*: This classic by C.S. Lewis has informed and converted many people to true faith in Jesus. We'll survey this important book.
- Dating and the Christian Life: Dating is hard! What do Christians have to consider that others may not?
- Christian Apologetics: Do you know the reasons for what you believe? Learn how to defend your faith while at home, school, and work.

THIRD PERIOD

Rank

- The Four Accounts of the Gospel: God gave us multiple views into Jesus's ministry on earth. We'll delve into the similarities and differences.
- Acts: Learn the story of the Church being formed by the Holy Spirit through mission and persecution after Jesus ascended.
- Choir: The choir will learn anthems for Mass and Evensong.

SENIOR COURSES

A Senior is any Conferee who will be in grade 12 or beyond in the fall of 2021. Please number your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each period.

SECOND PERIOD

Rank

- Understanding Liturgical Ceremony: Why we do what we do in liturgy doesn't have to be a mystery. Come learn about it!
- Mere Christianity*: This classic by C.S. Lewis has informed and converted many people to true faith in Jesus. We'll survey this important book.
- Faith and Science: Technology marches on, but science has no conscience of its own. How can God guide us through questions never before asked?
- Dogma 2: Didn't get enough of Dogma in your fourth year? Come learn more about how Dogma sets the foundation for proclaiming Christ.

THIRD PERIOD

Rank

- Job: We live in a world of pain, suffering, doubt, and fear. Through Job's experience, we can learn to trust God in all our struggles.
- Paul's Letters: We'll study a collection of short but powerful letters proclaiming Christ and guiding the Church, both then and now.
- Choir: The choir will learn anthems for Mass and Evensong.

HAVE A QUESTION?

Visit www.SaintMichaelsConference.com for a list of frequently asked questions, including:

- How old are the Conferees at Saint Michael's Conference?
- How do I get my young adult excited about attending?
- What does the registration fee cover?
- What is the age range of the counselors?
- Do you accommodate young adults with special needs?

You're also welcome to e-mail your questions to SaintMichaelsConference@gmail.com.

WHY SAINT MICHAEL?

The Revelation to Saint John describes the war in heaven, when Michael and his angels cast out Satan and his fallen angels. This battle between Michael and Satan is a picture of real Christianity. It's not soft or weak. Quite the opposite; it's dangerous, challenging, exciting, and joyful. Saint Michael serves as our Patron to fight evil and serve God.



FINANCIAL AID

Limited financial aid is available for those who cannot pay the entire cost of the Conference. Contact Father James at 919.605.6414.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Holy Family Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road
West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

