



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 20 to July 26, 2025
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

Dean

Jesse Shedden

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

2025 COURSES

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 and Beyond Liturgy and the Gospel: An exploration of how our liturgy is full of the truth of the Gospel beyond just the Gospel reading.

JUNIOR COURSE OPTIONS

A Junior is any Conferee who will be in grade 9, 10, or 11 in the fall.

Please select your top choice for each period.

Opening Your Bible: Let's be real—the Bible can seem daunting. We'll go through the basics so you can feel confident about how to engage with it.

Synopsis of the Gospels: We'll study the four accounts of the Gospel side by side and tackle hard questions about when they seem to contradict.

Hymnology: The hymn book is rich with Scripture references. We'll break down a few classics and some of your favorites to find both direct quotes from and allusions to Scripture passages.

Choir: In choir, we'll learn and rehearse the hymns and anthems that will be sung during Mass and Evensong.

Screwtape Letters: What can eavesdropping on demons teach us about living as a Christian? We'll survey this clever, funny, convicting book by C.S. Lewis to find out.

Friendship: Jesus called his disciples friends. What can we learn from how he defined "friendship"? What does it mean for our relationship with God and others?

SECOND PERIOD

SENIOR COURSE OPTIONS

A Senior is any Conferee who will be in grade 12 or above in the fall.

Please select your top choice for each period.

How to Lead a Bible Study: Part of maturing in your faith is knowing how to disciple others. We'll go through the basics of how to lead a Bible study.

Daniel: There's more to Daniel than surviving the lions' den. We'll explore how God worked in the life of this OT prophet.

Hymnology: The hymn book is rich with Scripture references. We'll break down a few classics and some of your favorites to find both direct quotes from and allusions to Scripture passages.

Choir: In choir, we'll learn and rehearse the hymns and anthems that will be sung during Mass and Evensong.

Apologetics: "You're a Christian? Do you honestly believe..." Using God's Word, we'll work through responses to hard questions so you can be confident in your witness to Christ.

Friendship: Jesus called his disciples friends. What can we learn from how he defined "friendship"? What does it mean for our relationship with God and others?

THIRD PERIOD



Registration is open!

Mark your calendar, and then register to join us
at the 2025 St. Michael's Conference!



Scan me

or visit

<https://bit.ly/SMC2025registration>

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.



Registration Fee

\$615 covers conference attendance and 6 nights and 7 days of room and board. Most dietary needs can be accommodated.

Conference Location

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

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.