



# Steubenville NW Catholic Youth Conference

Spokane, Washington July 8-12, 2026

STEUBENVILLE  
CONFERENCE

## A Sacrament-Soaked Weekend!

If you are looking to have your Catholic faith rejuvenated, this is the conference for you! This is a chance to transform our hearts and turn our lives back to the Lord through the many talks, small group discussions, lively worship music, the sacrament of reconciliation and Mass. The highlight for many of the youth is the Saturday evening Eucharistic Adoration. It is extremely powerful! We will also kick off the trip with a visit to the Poor Clares monastery and a day at Silverwood!

## Who Is Eligible for this Trip?

Students must be CURRENTLY in grades 8-12 to attend this conference. Given that this is a sacrament-based weekend, this trip is open to **Catholic students** of the Central Okanagan parishes.

**Cost: \$705.00\*** *which includes ...*

- Travel by School Bus
- 4 Nights Accommodation
- 11 meals
- Silverwood Theme Park
- Conference activities
- Travel Medical Insurance
- Border Document
- Conference T-shirt

*\* Some additional funding may be available from your parish. Please ask your parish priest or parish secretary for more details.*

## Application Process – Complete all three steps by Friday, April 10

1. INTERESTED? **Email David Z FIRST** at [snw.kelowna@gmail.com](mailto:snw.kelowna@gmail.com) with **'I'm Interested'** in the subject line so that he can watch for the following:
2. Submit Parish Commitment Form signed by teen's parish priest
3. Submit School-Based Character Reference completed by school counsellor, principal or teacher

If interest exceeds the number of available spots for this trip, preference will be given to older teens and those who are actively involved in their parish.

All teens approved for this trip will be sent conference registration information. The non-refundable payment is due within one week of receiving email approval to participate in the trip.

Questions? Contact ...

- David Ziebart at [david.icckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:david.icckelowna@gmail.com) or 250-762-3910 ext. 3

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

*Please give your parish and school a week to complete and send application forms.*

Steubenville NW Youth Conference Application Part 1

**PARISH COMMITMENT FORM**

**Email completed form to David Ziebart at [snw.kelowna@gmail.com](mailto:snw.kelowna@gmail.com) by Friday, April 10**

Name of Teen: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the parish sharing relevant information as outlined below for the purpose of the Steubenville NW Youth Conference.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the teen:**

1. Please describe why YOU would like to attend the Steubenville NW Conference:

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2. Describe your CURRENT involvement in your parish (ie, Mass attendance, involvement in ministry):

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3. Given the investment the parish is making in you for this trip, describe ways you are seriously considering involving yourself in your parish this year:

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**To be completed by the teen's parish priest:**

After discussing the section above with the applicant, I am prepared to support his/her commitment to the parish after the conference and feel that the conference would be a helpful experience for his/her future involvement in the parish.

The parish will contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (suggested amount is \$255.00) towards this teen's fees.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Once form is signed by parish priest, please return this form to the teen.**

## Steubenville NW Youth Conference Application **Part 2**

### **CONFIDENTIAL** SCHOOL BASED CHARACTER REFERENCE

Name of Teen: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to the school sharing relevant information as outlined below for the purpose of the Steubenville NW Youth Conference.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear School Principal, Counsellor or Teacher,

The applicant above is applying to attend a conference in Spokane this summer. We are asking your help in providing a character reference for this applicant. Contents of this form will be kept confidential and **will not be shared with the teen or his/her family**. If you have any questions, please contact David Ziebart, youth coordinator at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, at david.icckelowna@gmail.com or 250-762-3910. Thank you for your time!

**Please answer the following questions by circling Yes, No or UTC (unable to comment).**

Yes No UTC Teen is responsible and able to be trusted.

Yes No UTC Teen gets along well with his/her peers.

Yes No UTC Teen is respectful of and cooperative with adult supervisors.

Yes No UTC Teen has a clean school record in terms of alcohol and/or drugs.

Yes No UTC Teen consistently follows school rules and policies.

Yes No UTC Teen would be a good ambassador of his/her community.

Yes No Are you aware of any reason why this teen should not travel without his/her parents? **If yes, please comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No In your opinion, do you think this teen could experience difficulties traveling to the United States without his/her parents/guardians? **If yes, please comment:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have known this teen for \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Do Not Return to Teen**

**Email directly to David Ziebart at snw.kelowna@gmail.com by Friday, April 10**