



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 31 to August 6, 2016
www.SaintMichaelsConference.com



NOT YOUR TYPICAL CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP

At Saint Michael's Conference, you won't find cabins, mess halls or archery. But you *will* experience engaging conversations about Jesus, daily worship and plenty of time to hang 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. The evening activities range from square dancing and talent shows to scavenger hunts and dance parties. More 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)
- Washcloth and toiletries
- A bit of pocket money

Leave these at home:

- Sleeping bag
- Towel
- Calamine lotion
- Flashlight
- Bathing suit

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, most of whom were Conferees themselves.

Director

The Reverend Jay C. James

Assistant Director

The Very Reverend Fredrick A. Robinson

Dean and Registrar

The Reverend A. Milton Cheney, III

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 Bangura, 2nd-year Conferee

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2016 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 the Conference first aid personnel upon arrival.: _____

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

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK BY JULY 12 TO:

Father A. Milton Cheney, Saint Michael's Conference
38 Barnes Lane
West Greenwich, RI 02817-4002
401-397-9987
Checks payable to "Saint Michael's Conference"

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE?

E-mail us at SaintMichaelsConference@gmail.com or mcheney2@cox.net

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enclosed is: \$350 (the balance of \$200 will be paid upon arrival)
 \$550 (registration paid in full)

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/guardian cell phone: (____) _____

Parent/guardian email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____

School grade (as of September 2016): _____

This is my: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th year at Saint Michael's.

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, 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, whose name appears above, to be photographed for the group photo and for any other photos to be taken by either the Conference photographer or Conference attendees. NOTE: Some photographs 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: 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** The Holy Trinity: A presentation of the Christian doctrine of the Triune God and the development of this aspect of dogma and devotion.

JUNIOR COURSES

A Junior is any Conferee who will be in grades 9, 10 or 11 in the fall of 2016. Please mark your first, second and third choices for each period.

Rank

SECOND PERIOD

- The Screwtape Letters*: Through C.S. Lewis's book, listen to the Devil's angels discuss temptation, sin, repentance and grace.
- The Gospel Accounts: A look at the similarities and differences in the four Gospel accounts and how they reveal the universal Truth of Christ.
- Church Music: What's your favorite hymn? We'll pick a few per day and delve into the text and the history (composer, author, tune).
- Women in the Bible and the Church: Learn how women through history have been faithful to God and helped shape the Church.

Rank

THIRD PERIOD

- King David: Through King David's example, we'll learn how even a sinner can become a person "after God's own heart."
- Managing Relationships as Christians: God calls us to be in relationship with the people around us, but what about when it's difficult?
- Choir: The choir will learn anthems for Mass and Evensong.

SENIOR COURSES

A Senior is any Conferee who will be in grade 12 or above in the fall of 2016. Please mark your first, second and third choices for each period.

Rank

SECOND PERIOD

- Dante's Inferno*: A study of the first book of the epic poem *The Divine Comedy*, in which Dante depicts hell as nine circles of suffering.
- Dogma II: Dive deeper into Dogma with topics such as the Vincentian Canon, Incarnation and Ecclesiology.
- Church Music: What's your favorite hymn? We'll pick a few per day and delve into the text and the history (composer, author, tune).
- Women in the Bible and the Church: Learn how women through history have been faithful to God and helped shape the Church.

Rank

THIRD PERIOD

- Jesus in Pop Culture: How do we establish a Christian worldview so pop culture and media don't control how we think?
- Prayer Book Basics: Take it off the shelf and learn how to use *The Book of Common Prayer* and find joy in all the treasures it holds.
- 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?
- Should my young adult help to decide if he or she goes to Saint Michael's Conference?
- How do I get my child 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 example 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 the Director at 919.787.7590.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

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

