



THE SWORD

Saint Michael's Conference | 303 Tunxis Road | West Hartford, CT 06107

Welcoming New Michaelites



This year we welcomed 20 new Michaelites!

This Year's Elective Courses

The Screwtape Letters

Dante's Paradiso

Early Church Heresies and Contemporary Expression

The Anglican Reformation

Faith and Science

Islam and Christianity

Meditation and Lectio Divina

Daniel

Christian Sexuality

Choir



A Letter from our Father Director

There are so many parts of Saint Michael's Conference that are good for the young people in our churches. So many that to describe all the positive aspects of the Conference would take pages. An alternative would be to make a list of the various aspects of the Conference. The problem is to simply list them would be inadequate and we would not come to know the great impact these classes and programs have on these young Christians. The best way to find out what an impact the Conference has had, and will continue to have, on the lives of our young people is to follow the encouraging instructions of Philip to Nathanael upon proclaiming that the disciples had found the Messiah, "Come and see!"

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The Power of Faith

This year, a faculty talk was given by one of our counselors Emma Deihle. Having just lost her mother to cancer a few weeks before the Conference, her emotional and moving talk is truly a testament to the power of faith in Jesus. Click

[here](#) to read Emma's inspiring and moving words.



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Young people who have been to Saint Michael's Conference are the best advertisers and encouragers for other young people to attend the Conference. The present and former Michaelites do the best job because they have first-hand knowledge of the week the Conference community spends together. They know how instructive and in-depth the material is that's presented in the classes. They have seen and been moved to tears by the exuberant and inspiring worship at Solemn Mass and Solemn Evensong. They know what good and lasting friendships they make in just one short week. They know the genuine Christian fellowship that is exhibited between and among the conferees, the counselors, the faculty, and the senior staff. They come to know what it's like to live together as Christians. There are lots of Christian camps. There are many Sunday school classes and Confirmation classes. There are hundreds of Christian conferences and concerts for

young people to attend, and yet none of them has the impact and power of Saint Michael's Conference. Father Robinson, our Assistant Director, has asked himself this question for years, "What is it about Saint Michael's Conference that makes it so successful in being a powerful

force in the lives of these young people?" He now has an answer. Father Robinson thinks that these young people can learn about the Faith many places, but it's at Saint Michael's Conference that they come to own the Faith. I think Father Robinson is correct. The Faith of the Church becomes part of who they are when they take part in the Conference. That's the difference and it is life-changing. Please enjoy this newsletter and see what good teaching, enriched prayer lives, stronger Christian friendships, and powerful witnesses to faith in Jesus Christ were part of this year's Conference. Show this newsletter to as many young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one as you can and let them come to the 2019 edition of Saint Michael's Conference from July 28th to August 3rd. Their lives will be changed too.

The Reverend Jay C. James Father
Director of Saint Michael's Conference

This year marked the 50th Anniversary of dedicated service to Saint Michael's Conference by the Reverend A. Milton Cheney III and the 47th year of service of Ms. Beth Harrison. We celebrated this near-century of combined service with a special evening presentation and 60's-themed dance to bring us back to when they first joined the Conference.



The Top 5 Discussion Groups of 2018...

1. Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory- Father O'Brien and Father McKinnon
2. Drug Abuse and Alcohol- Father Wood and Father Roberts
3. Stations of the Cross- Father Robinson and Father Bumsted
4. Different Ways of Praying/Talking to God- Father Hankinson and Beth Harrison
5. Why Bad Things Happen to Good People- Father Templeton and Father McKinnon



Building lifelong friendships...



Congratulations to our 3 year medal recipients:

GRACE A., DEANDRA B., BELLA B., ELLIE F., MERRILL G., DANIELLE L., MARY P., ALYSSA S., AUDREY H., NOAH C., JOHN D., KENNETH F., WILLIAM J., CHRISTOPHER K., MICHAEL L., WATSON R., MATTHEW A., THOMAS B., NATHAN C., PHILIP I., GIBRIL K., NICHOLAI M., FATHER JAMES HAIRSTON*, FATHER THOMAS BUCHAN*, COLE MCCABE*

Congratulations to our 6 year plaque recipients:

CAROLINE D., REID D., TYLER L.

* Years on Staff

Congratulations to our 6 year plaque



2018 Staff Members

Joining our Alumni



Ben M., Justin K., David F., Tyler L., & Grey F.

What has St. Michael's Meant to you?

"St. Mikes is a spiritual waterfall, and you are under it. You soak it up and never have enough time under it."- Ben

"To me, Saint Michaels has meant not only creating new friendships, but also becoming part of a family for a lifetime."- Justin

"It's has most certainly been one of the biggest blessings in my life. I feel that my faith in Christ has never been more strong."- David

"What does St. Mike's mean to me? That's easy: Second Family."- Tyler

"Saint Mike's means the world to me. A community of like-minded individuals makes for a week filled with unconditional love."- Grey

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