

## Have a question?

Visit [www.SaintMichaelsConference.com](http://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](mailto: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

\$635 covers conference attendance and 6 nights and 7 days of room and board. Most dietary needs can be accommodated.

## 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



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

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July 26 to August 1, 2026  
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### 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

# 2026 COURSES

FIRST PERIOD

- 1st Year Conferees** Living out your faith: The essential guide to understanding what we believe, and how to live into those beliefs in the most practical ways.
- 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: A deep dive into what we must believe to be Christians. Dogma unites us all in the proclamation of the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- 5th Year Conferees and Beyond** The Conversations of Our Time: How do we as Christians navigate our current cultural climate? We will take lessons from Christians in the past to learn how to direct our lives as Christians today.

## 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.

- 7 Deadly Sins: Learn what each of these sins truly means, why they are considered “deadly,” and how they can impact our daily lives and relationships.
- Missionary Zeal: Join us for exciting stories about the missionaries of the church, past and present.
- Journey through the Holy Land: Explore the modern Holy Land while learning about the biblical events that took place there long ago.

SECOND PERIOD

- Choir: In choir, we'll learn and rehearse the hymns and anthems that will be sung during Mass and Evensong.
- The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark: In this fast-paced narrative about the life of Jesus, we will learn about the author of the Gospel, the original audience and destination of the work, and how the emphasis of Mark's account applies to our lives today.
- Judges: Judges are named after an interesting collection of individuals who led Israel after Joshua's death. What does this book have to teach us about our own journey with God?

THIRD 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.

- The Faith of our Fathers: Learn about many of the early Fathers who began the art of Christian Theology, and how their writings from so long ago still inform our worship and affect our lives.
- The Mission of the Church: We are the Church. Learn how we, as the people of God, represent the Church to the world.
- Journey through the Holy Land: Explore the modern Holy Land while learning about the biblical events that took place there long ago.
- Choir: In choir, we'll learn and rehearse the hymns and anthems that will be sung during Mass and Evensong.
- The Parables of Jesus: Jesus was a master at debate, relational conversation, and storytelling. We will focus on some of the incredible parables Jesus shares with us in the Gospels, and explore their cultural context and their relevance to a modern Christian.
- Revelation: Revelation is one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible. We will discuss what this book is all about, how the original audience interpreted it, and how we should interpret it today.



Registration is open!

Mark your calendar, then register to join us at the 2026 St. Michael's Conference!



### Calling all Michaelites!

It's time to register for 2026! Block the week on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun, friendships and faith-deepening that happen during the best week of the year. Payment isn't due until July 1, so take 5 minutes to register today!



Register

Or visit [saintmichaelsconference.com/registration](http://saintmichaelsconference.com/registration)