



Diocesan Youth Conference 2020

Please read all the information contained in this communication to ensure you have a full understanding of the event.

What is the Diocesan Youth Conference?

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a weekend event held each year to gather high school youth from all 145 parishes in the Diocese of Richmond to one central location. The Conference is a highly energetic, engaging, and awesome opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather and celebrate the amazing richness of our Catholic Christian faith.

What are some highlights of the Diocesan Youth Conference for 2020?

- **Speakers** – have not yet been announced.
- **Sacraments.** Mass will be celebrated during the weekend on both Saturday and Sunday with all attendees. In addition, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available during the course of the weekend.
- **Creative Breakout Sessions.** We will offer more breakout sessions for adults and youth during the course of the weekend focused on particular topics that have been requested based on feedback from previous years, including several panel-type discussions.

Who should attend the Diocesan Youth Conference?

The Conference is open to youth who are in 8th through 12th grade for the 2019 – 2020 academic year. 8th graders will be by invitation only, based on the determination of their teachers, if they are mature enough to socially and spiritually be fully present to the conference.

Where and when is the Diocesan Youth Conference?

The Diocesan Youth Conference will be held on Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Richmond Marriott Downtown in Richmond, Virginia.

Are we participating in a service project this year?

As has been the tradition for the past several years, the Diocese is partnering with “Helping Hands” to package meals to support our brothers and sisters in impoverished countries who are in need. You may make a donation with registration.

What is the cost this year?

Super Early Bird Pricing – Due Nov 17th - \$45

Early Bird Pricing – Due Dec 15th - \$70

Closing Date Pricing – Due Jan 5th - \$110

Pricing includes: Diocesan Conference fee (including hotel), Venture Bus, T-shirt, meals and a discount from SOS fundraising.

Additional Fees:

- Substitution Fee: \$65
- Cancellation Fee: \$110 for cancellations made between December 4, 2019 and January 8, 2020
No refunds for cancellations made on or after January 8, 2020, regardless of reason.

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Return all registration forms and payments (payable to Star of the Sea Church) to the Parish office or Nancy