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"Providing Moments of Encounter to Awaken and Strengthen Young People's Relationship with Christ"

Letter from the Executive Director

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Where did you meet your spouse or hear your call to the priesthood or religious life? Was it at a Steubenville Youth Conference?

To my surprise, I did meet my husband through my work here at Partnership for Youth. In 2007 we were in need of a First Aid Core Team volunteer, a friend suggested Brett "Yogi" Cummings for the position. He had recently moved to the Twin Cities from Somonauk, IL and was looking for ways to get more involved and meet more Catholic young adults. What better place to do that, then at a Steubenville Youth Conference?

Both Yogi and I had taken the time to discern and pray about a Religious vocation, but received very clear direction from God that that was not his plan for either of

us. I prayed to St. Raphael, St. Joseph, and St. Gianna daily for a holy husband and my prayers were answered.

On February 17, 2008, Yogi proposed to me after Sunday morning Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Seven months later, on September 6, we were married in that same church with Archbishop Flynn and several other

priest friends presiding. It was one of the happiest days of my life!

Walking the vocation of marriage with a man who is first focused on God, makes all the difference. Meeting each other and serving alongside my spouse at the

and a joy! This time enriches our marriage and witnesses to others the beauty and

Steubenville Youth Conferences over the past ten years has been both a blessing

commitment of our vocation.

Fostering holy vocations happens in an environment where you are invited to be still and hear His voice. Your gift will make it possible for young people to hear God's vocational call for them.

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Did you know...

15% of men ordained priests
21% of religious who took final vows
credited a Steubenville Youth Conference
with positively influencing their decision to
become a priest or religious.

2015, CARA Institute

"When I attended my first Steubenville I was a Mohawk sporting, spiked collar wearing, seventeen year old. I knew that I needed to grow in my faith, but I wasn't really sure how that would happen at this conference. I heard in a profound way the invitation of Christ to leave behind whatever was keeping me from him. The invitation of Jesus Christ to encounter him in adoration was so attractive that I couldn't help but give him my authentic self in my response. In the midst of that call and response I started to hear more clearly Christ's call to put on a Roman collar. Thanks be to God I've been ordained a priest for going on two years and



I am grateful to God for the part the Steubenville conferences had to play in that process."

- Fr. Adam Laski, Diocese of Superior

"My name is Sr. Gianna Agnes and currently I am a second year Novice with the Missionaries of Charity, this May I will be professing my first vows.



I attended the Steubenville Youth Conferences several times as a participant and also as a volunteer. Each summer they were a great time of renewal for me as at home I didn't have many

Catholic friends to support me and I would often fall into the ways of the world. The Franciscan LEAD program touched me very deeply and from that point on I began to incorporate Scripture and Prayer into my daily life. Although I did not hear the call of God to follow Him as a Sister until college, these conferences were a "boost of energy" to keep me on the right track with God and deepen my faith so that when I was ready God could call me to belong only to Him.

I am so grateful for the Steubenville Youth Conferences!"



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"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" - Matthew 9:37-38

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