

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

## Letter from the Executive Director

May 21, 2016 at 8:48 pm my life changed forever! In room 1242 at a hospital in Washington, DC the miracle of birth was taking place, but not just any birth, it was the birth of our adopted son, Edward Henry! This year, the Advent and Christmas season have taken on new meaning. My husband Yogi and I experienced a long time of advent, enduring the difficult road of infertility and awaiting the arrival of a child of our own. I had some fear - could I love a child that we didn't conceive and I didn't grow in my own womb? But, from the moment I saw Eddie's captivating face, big blue eyes and precious little feet, I was in love - he just wiggled his way into my heart! The incomparable joy we have found in our long-awaited parenthood leaves us in awe of God's perfect timing and grace. Eddie even looks like my husband, that's kind of just God's little surprise in it all.



"For this child we have prayed and God has granted us the desires of our hearts."

Eddie is six months old and every day he brings delight and joy to our lives and the community of friends and family that surround us. He even joined us at the conferences this summer and was loved by all who met him! Parenthood is a most sacred and beautiful vocation. I never knew how much my heart could expand in love. I'm humbled by God's gift to us. He called us to trust Him, to wait on Him, and to step out into the deep in faith.



Eddie and Fr. Leo at Steubenville | Rochester

Sixteen years ago when I accepted the job of Executive Director for Partnership for Youth (PFY), I had no idea what I was saying yes to, but I can tell you, it has blessed my life beyond my wildest expectations! As Eddie joined the PFY family this year and we celebrate the birth of the new born King, I pray that you too will be blessed as we adopt you into the PFY family. In opening our hearts to adoption, we had the most to gain. Don't let fear get in the way of your generosity or hold you back on what God is calling you to do. You will be blessed beyond measure. Enrich the lives of others and your life will be filled to capacity.

*Amy Cummings*  
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Executive Director

Blessing by Bishop Quinn!



**5,057 ATTENDEES**

Reconciliation

**3,610**

Group Leaders

**171**

Priests attended with Groups

**76**

Franciscan LEAD Participants

**71**

Volunteers

**389**

Teens came forward for Vocations Call

**500+**

"Steubenville is an important opportunity for me because..."

**I love strengthening my relationship with Christ**

and I love feeling His true love for me."



Alix - St. Katharine Drexel  
Sioux Falls, SD

According to the USCCB, in 2015...

**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.

"I know that God's grace is infinite and conversions can happen in a multitude of ways, but the way that grace has played out in my life, I feel like I can confidently say that I would not still be Catholic if I hadn't attended a Steubenville Youth Conference. At least, I would not be the Catholic I am today, admittedly, I still need work. I was invited to attend a Steubenville Youth Conference the summer after my sophomore year of high school. I literally had no idea what I had said yes to. God revealed himself to me in a powerful way that weekend and for the first time I felt that I had real relationship with Christ and a better understanding (and new zeal) for my Catholic faith. Fast forward 12 years, I am now a Youth Minister, with a BA and MA in Theology.

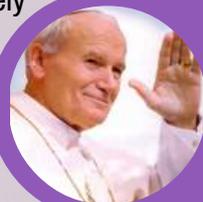


I love taking my teens to Steubenville Conferences.

**In fact, I think it is the best thing we do for our youth.**

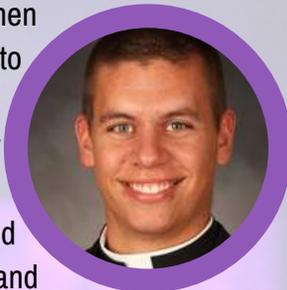
The conferences are successful not because of the lights, speakers or energy, but because the Conference team is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel in a way that is true, relatable and dynamic. The Gospel compels, and every summer thousands of teens are compelled to accept the love of Christ through Steubenville Conferences. I genuinely believe that the conferences are a work of the Holy Spirit and are a prophetic voice for the Catholic Church in America."

*Michelle N. - All Saints Lakeville, MN*



**"Be generous** in answering Jesus' call inviting you to put out in the deep and become His witnesses, discovering the trust He puts in you to devise a future together with Him."  
- Saint JPII

I attended the Steubenville Youth conferences my Junior and Senior years of high school. On Sunday morning when Archbishop Flynn asked those open to a call to the priesthood to stand for a blessing, I was moved by the Holy Spirit. I felt so blessed by the love and encouragement I receive from everyone in attendance. I have since assisted at the conferences as a seminarian, deacon and now as a priest. I had a very proud "father" moment as I saw the youth from my parish praising God and being open to Him. It is a gift for me to see the transformation in their lives.



*Fr. Paul Shovelain - St. John the Baptist, New Brighton, MN*

# GIVING Opportunities

**Partner with us**  
to bring moments of encounter to more young people in the Midwest

 \$3500  
InterMISSION at a Parish

 \$375  
Franciscan LEAD Registration

 \$1000  
Conference Scholarship Fund

 \$240  
Teen's Conference Registration

 \$190  
Priest or Religious Conference Registration

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