



## Rise Up Twin Cities – 2019 Conference Policies

### **Participant Policy**

Rise Up Twin Cities is a conference intended for middle school aged youth. Therefore, youth participants must be currently enrolled in at least 6<sup>th</sup> grade in order to attend. If your group utilizes high-school aged leaders in your program they are welcome to attend. All participants, including Chaperones, must have a paid ticket.

### **Chaperone Ratio Requirements**

Groups are required to bring a minimum of 1 chaperone (aged 21+) for every 6 youth (under 18). Groups must have at least 1 male and 1 female chaperone if they have both male and female youth, family groups excepted. Also note the [Mall of America Parental Escort Policy](#), which goes into effect from 4pm to close – it is strictly enforced.

### **Adult Safe Environment Requirements**

All adults (18+) must be in compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Groups will be required to show that all adults in attendance are in compliance with the Safe Environment requirements of their home dioceses. A [Partnership for Youth Verification Form](#) must be submitted to the PFY office by Friday, March 8, 2019. If there are changes to your adult roster after March 8<sup>th</sup>, please bring an updated Verification Form to the conference.

### **Clergy Attendance**

Partnership for Youth strongly encourages the clergy of your community to join your group for the conference. PFY must be notified in-advance of any bishops, priests or deacons planning to attend with your group. If attending from outside the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, a Letter of Suitability must be sent to the ARCHSPM, clearing them for attendance. Letters should be sent **no later than March 8, 2019, to:**

**Archdiocese of St Paul/Mpls**  
**Attn: Susan Mulheron**  
**Chancellor for Canonical Affairs**  
**777 Forest St.**  
**St. Paul, MN 55106**

As a “thank you” to any bishops and priests in attendance and in exchange for their willingness to hear confessions during the conference, we offer a 50% discounted ticket of \$30 which can be purchased at the time of registration. Clergy tickets are non-refundable after January 23, 2019, but their value may be used as the deposit for a participant ticket at any time.

## **Inclement Weather**

In the instance that inclement weather threatens to impact the conference, the following policies apply:

- It is up to every individual group to determine if it is safe to travel to the conference.
- No refunds will be issued for groups that choose not to attend the event.
- Partnership for Youth (PFY) will make every effort to hold the conference as scheduled and will communicate any changes to all registered groups.
- Unless required by government agencies or the venue, PFY will not cancel the conference once it has begun. If the conference must be canceled for this reason, PFY will not refund registration fees for the event.

If, prior to the conference start, it must be canceled or rescheduled, registered groups will be offered the option to attend at a rescheduled date or receive a refund of their conference registration fees. PFY is not responsible for any additional expenses the group may have incurred outside of conference registration fees paid to PFY.

## **Photo & Video Disclaimer**

Partnership for Youth (PFY) reserves the right to use any photograph or video taken at Rise Up Twin Cities without the expressed written permission of the subjects. PFY may use the photographs/video for printed and digital marketing and advertising purposes, and in any and all media, including the PFY website, newsletter and social media.

To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using names or personal identifying information without written approval from the subject, parent or legal guardian.

Any adult participant or the parent/legal guardian of a child participant of Rise Up Twin Cities who does not wish to have their image recorded for distribution should make their wishes known, in writing, to the event organizer. Please contact the Partnership for Youth office for further details: 952.224.0333

## **Infants & Children Policy**

Though PFY strongly supports Catholic family life, due to insurance regulations, staffing and facility constraints infants and young children are not permitted.

## **Guest Policy**

Anyone that is not a paid participant or volunteer of Rise Up Twin Cities will not be permitted in any conference areas at any time.