

Schedule

Friday, November 9, 2018

- 6:30pm Gathering Music
- 7:30pm Welcome, Opening Prayer & Introductions
- 8:00pm Keynote: Joel Stepanek
- 8:45pm Exposition/Adoration/Benediction & Confessions
- 9:45pm Formal closing
- 10:00pm ODYC AfterDark
- 11:00pm Night Concludes

Saturday, November 10, 2018

- 8:30am Wake-up/ Music/Dance
- 9:00am Welcome & Prayer
- 9:15am Praise and Worship
- 9:45am Keynote: Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN
- 10:45am Transition to Breakout Sessions
- 11:00am Breakout Session 1
- 12:00 p.m. Break for Lunch
- 1:30pm Praise and Worship
- 2:00pm Transition to Breakout Sessions
- 2:15pm Breakout Session 2
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:45pm Praise & Worship
- 4:15pm Keynote: Joel Stepanek
- 5:15pm Break
- 5:30pm Closing Mass: Bishop William F. Medley presiding
- 6:45pm Wrap-up, closing remarks, etc./dismiss
- 7:00pm ODYC concludes

Music

PJ Anderson

PJ is a Christian singer-songwriter who learned to play guitar from a nun. A former youth minister, he travels the country playing music and inspiring youth. He played at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) as well as leading worship at Catholic Heart Work Camp.

Keynote Speakers



Joel Stepanek

Joel Stepanek has been actively and passionately involved in ministry for over ten years. What began as a simple internship in a parish youth ministry office evolved into an incredible adventure that led him on numerous middle school lock-ins, high school retreats, parish missions, and ultimately to meet his wife, Colleen. Joel is the Director of Resource Development for Life Teen International where he creates engaging youth ministry resources for middle and high school students. Joel is a sought after speaker and lecturer and has traveled across the world training youth ministers, seminarians, and speaking to teenagers, seniors and all ages in between. He received his Master's degree in religious education with an emphasis in youth and young adult ministry from Fordham University. Joel is an avid Packer fan (and owner), loves cooking, weightlifting, and spending time with his wife and two children, Elijah Daniel and Sophia Grace.

Sr. Josephine Garrett

I am a native Texan, and I can't think of another state I would have preferred to be born in. I grew up Baptist (can I get an amen!), attended the University of Dallas (not realizing at first that it was Catholic University!) After graduating, I worked in the banking industry for ten years, eventually becoming a Vice President. I loved my experience of the Catholic Church at the University of Dallas so much that two years after graduating I became Catholic. The adventure did not stop there. I eventually began to ask God the big questions about life and he surprised me with a vocation to religious life. I entered the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 2011, and after four years of formation, and growing closer to God in prayer, I made my first vows Oct 3, 2015. I have ministered in our retreat center in Texas, I am currently studying to be a counselor, working in my internship with abused and neglected children and teens, and now have this great side ministry of getting to share my faith and give witness to the enduring love of God by speaking at retreats and conferences for youth and young adults. My community of Sisters was founded to serve families, and to help the love of God reign over and above everything else in the world. I'm so excited to be with you for this conference, and I pray that these days will bring about increase for you, so that you can minister more fully to others once you leave the conference. God bless!



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Breakout Session 1

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:00am

"Digital Freedom" - Presented by Joel Stepanek (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

Social media is woven into the fabric of our daily lives and the ways we communicate and connect with each other. We can spend as much as 10 hours using technology, most of that time plugged into message, social media, or video. How can we use social media as a tool that serves us, rather than something that we become attached to in unhealthy ways? How do we navigate the challenging parts of technology and make it something that helps our lives rather than make them worse? This engaging, funny, and thought-provoking workshop challenges teenagers to consider the ways they use and are used by social media and how they can learn to "unplug", be happier, and be free.

"You are a Future Saint...Yes You!" - Sr. Josephine Garrett, CSFN

This breakout session will be real talk about how to be saints in the world today. There are many forces at work that prevent us from claiming this aspect of God's plan for our life, to be saints, but it is really the foundation of all his plans for us. In this session we will talk about being a saint in the modern world, look at some of the most popular saints who were able to be counter cultural in the world they lived in, and I will share with you some stories and witness from my own life and vocation of how God is working to make me one of his next saints, just like he is with you.

"It Ain't About You" - Aaron Frazita

Being a disciple of Jesus calls us all not to just know his teachings, but challenges us to find out how we can live them out in our lives. Most of us have done service work, but that is just a small piece of the bigger puzzle that is social justice. In this workshop, we will discover how to make justice not just something that happens at a service project or a mission trip, but rather something we can live out each and every day at home and with our youth groups.

"Shoes" - Susy Solorza

Ven, come take a walk in someone else's shoes to experience the universality of the Church. Experience how other Catholic youth live their faith and how the mystery of the Trinity celebrates diversity and unity all at the same time. Come put the catholic in Catholic.

"Identity Restored-" Joe Bland, Director, Office of Evangelization

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy: I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10. From the beginning our Identity was stolen and the enemy has been trying to destroy us. We can only have our Identity restored when we encounter Jesus and have a daily relationship with Him. But how do we do this? Come discover that your Identity is found in Christ and find ways to restore that Identity. You will find out "what is our Origin", "what is our Identity" and "what is our Destiny" and how to live this out in your daily life.

"How to Deal with #Stress" (MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY) - Ethan Bennett

Feeling overwhelmed? In this workshop you will:

- Learn to identify your worries
- Gain practical skills to overcome stress.
- And connect with a community of friends.

Breakout Session 2

2:15pm

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"Learning and Sharing Our Story" - Olivia Romero and the Gasper River Staff

"I was", "God did", now "I am." The way in which God has come into our lives with his message of faith, hope, and love and changed everything is perhaps the greatest story we will ever be able to share. This breakout session will invite you to reflect on and know your story of faith and empower you to share your story with those you encounter.

"#RealTalk: How Pornography Kills Love" - Danny May

What's so bad about pornography; it's not hurting anybody, right?... Pornography is fake, so why is it wrong to watch it? ... I want to stop; but I can't. What should I do? ... All my friends are watching it; why can't I? ... Is pornography addiction even a real thing? ... This workshop gets real about the dangers of internet pornography, the effects it can cause, and how to stop if you're trying to break the habit. We will also focus on how you can protect yourself and help your friends. All information is taken from the Diocese of Owensboro's "Clean Heart Initiative" launching this year. The session ends with questions and answers.

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"Mary and the Squad" - Susy Solorza (Girls Only)

Why do young women need prayer? Let's explore the prayer lives of those women that spoke truth to the world. Let's discuss the voices of this world that push you to tear other women down. Then let's stop, cut out of all the voices telling you that you are not enough, and give God the chance to speak truth to your heart.

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"We Love Because He First Loved Us"

1 John 4:19

Accommodations

Hampton Inn Riverfront - This hotel is next door to the Convention Center. 401 West 2nd Street, Owensboro, Kentucky. We have a room block set up there for \$109+tax for a double bedded room. You can reserve by calling 1-270-685-2005 and asking for the ODYC rate. Rate available until October 12, 2018 and they have free Breakfast.

Sleep Inn - This hotel is located at 51 Bon Harbor Hills, Owensboro, KY and is approximately 3 miles from the Convention Center. No room block is set up but they have an ODYC rate of \$89.90 + Tax and offers free hot breakfast.

Other Local Hotels:

Courtyard by Marriott - 270-685-4140
Hampton Inn South - 270-926-2006
Wingfield Inn & Suites - 270-685-2433
Fairfield Inn - 270-688-8887
Comfort Suites - 270-926-7675