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Dear Steubenville Mid-America Contact,

Peace be with you! As you look toward planning events for your parish or school youth ministry, we would like to invite you to consider attending the Steubenville STL Mid-America Conferences. Steubenville is a high-energy youth conference in which thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Our conference is an outreach of Franciscan University in partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry. Two conferences are held every year in July and take place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

This summer the conferences will be held on **July 12-14, 2019** and **July 19-21, 2019**. The conference theme this year is "**BELONG**" and the accompanying scripture is "**See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God.**" (1 John 3:1)

Group Registration for both weekends opens online at **STEUBYSTL.COM** on Thursday, **February 7, 2019 at 10:00am CST**.

Enclosed in this informational packet you will find a promotional booklet with more details about the youth conference and a list of important dates for future reference. You can also find more information and updates about Steubenville Mid-America on our website **STEUBYSTL.COM**. I also encourage you to check out **STEUBYSTL365.COM** and share it with your teens, youth leaders, and parents of teens going to the conference. STEUBYSTL365 was created and designed to go beyond the conference and be an online faith community in which young people can be encouraged, engaged, and grow in their faith through our Live Blog, variety of social media outlets, Live-Streaming, Talks, and Music. This is also a great way to engage parents to be a part of their teen's experience without actually going to the conference.

Please feel free to contact me or Amy Eschelbach, Regional Conference Organizer, at amyeschelbach@archstl.org or 314-792-7617 with any questions. We want to make this an awesome experience for you and your group!

Thanks and God Bless,

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