

Dear Parents,

Covid 19 has made its mark on our world, nation, and the local community. The death of thousands of elderly and vulnerable has been a tragedy, but also the spiritual and social death of our teenage population is very real. This past year they have seen the power of our online world. But they have also felt its limitations.

Our teens are made for more - made for relationships. They are not just pixels and screen names, headshots on Zoom and Facetime. They are designed to see, hear, taste, touch, and feel our way through the physical world God made and to worship Him in the flesh!

We must act and act fast! We have created an event for young people to respond to this crisis. On June 18-20th first-ever Intense Youth Conference will take place in St. Leon, IN. It will be a weekend of prayer, adoration, engaging speakers, testimonies, community, and joy! Inspired by national and international movements such as Steubenville, World Youth Day, and Youth 2000, this youth encounter will open hearts and set young people on fire.

Bobby and Jackie Angel from Ascension Presents, Fr. Leo Patalinghug from Grace before Meals, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, former professional soccer player turned priest, Nathan Crankfield from Seeking Excellence, and Fr. Jonathan Meyer will be presenters, leading and guiding the young people.

Spirit driven music will be led by The Hussey Brothers, Matt Faley, Angie Myers, and Philip & Jami Wiese; with sacred chant and traditional music led by the All Saints scola.

The event will be hosted rain or shine outside in St. Leon, IN. This event will be truly intense and in-tents! Youth will be asked to bring and/or share a tent for the two nights of the event (strict enforcement of boys and girls camping areas will be abided by). For more information and to register please visit us at [www.intenseconference.net](http://www.intenseconference.net).

My dear parents, Youth Ministry works when parents make it work. Youth attend life-changing events when parents encourage them or even force them to attend. I ask that you strongly encourage the young people in your life to be present at The Intense Youth Conference.

Please know of my prayers and please pray for the success of this endeavor.

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