

Reflections on Steubenville East from our parish youths:

"It is really nice to always get reassurance that God is real whether in miracle or at Steubenville"

"Steubenville has been such an amazing experience for me over the years. It is so powerful to witness thousands of teens just like you sharing in the love of Christ, but also it is such an intimate weekend for you and your own individual relationship with the Lord. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to attend Steubenville conferences for 4 years."

"The Steubenville youth conferences are such an amazing way to set teens on fire for their faith. One of the most powerful moments for me this year was at the end of adoration on Saturday night. I wasn't necessarily "feeling" too much, but once the priest left with the monstrance with Jesus inside, the room suddenly felt empty and something changed. I knew at that moment that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist."

"Steubenville was such an incredible experience for me. I went three years ago, and was unable to attend [these last two years] so returning was amazing. Throughout the day, I really enjoyed the talks but what meant the most to me was adoration. During adoration I asked God to lead me and show me his plan. What He did for me was incredible. When I looked and saw Jesus in the monstrance my whole body shook and I started crying in awe of His beauty. Adoration let me experience the love, forgiveness, and guidance of Jesus. Steubenville strengthened my faith and opened my eyes to just how important God is to me. I feel so empowered to continue growing in my faith and see what God has planned for me."

"I really thought that at first it wasn't really going to be anything special, but 3 days later I can safely say that this was a pretty awesome trip. From the music to presentations and the people that I got to talk to, it was mind-blowing. One of my favorite parts of this entire trip was the beat boxer. Ne reminded me of so much. Probably the best part of this entire trip was the adoration. Seeing Jesus Christ in all of His glory when Father Jose was carrying Him all over the center ... that was mind-blowing. Since the moment I saw Jesus, I first did the sign of the cross, but then I just saw Heaven as Jesus Christ was shining right in my face. I could have recorded the entire conference with my iPad and posted it on the YouTube channel but decided not to. The experience has truly changed my life and I should have gone years ago. Here's to Steubenville East 2016 and many more."

"This was my first time going and it was incredible. It was nothing like I expected. I felt so close and connected to God. I definitely feel like a stronger Catholic and I think as many people that have the option to come should. It is my plan to keep coming as long as I can."

"I've gone to this event three years, and this was by far the most amazing. Adoration was my favorite part. I've never cried but this year Jesus talked to me."

"This year was my first time going to Steubenville and I'm very glad I went. It was a fantastic experience because I got to see and hear a lot of new things. I can't wait for next year so I can learn more about my religion."

"This is my first year going and I enjoyed it very much!! I will come back."

"First I would like to thank the chaperones for supporting us/me through this uplifting experience. I always say Steubenville is great because you get to get away and it's nice to know 3,000 people genuinely care about you and everyone is so nice and welcoming."

"Everyone is born out of love. Every single child born on this Earth is the product of love because God loves every single one of us and created us in His image. This was so comforting and powerful to me because not all babies appear to be born out of love, even though I think it is important to be. It was a reminder that God loves all of us, His sons and His daughters, no matter what. We are not accidents; we are not accidents to God. Even when we feel completely alone and like no one loves us; it isn't true because God does. He always has and he always will and so we are never actually alone. Thank you!"

"This being my first Steubenville East Conference, I experienced and endured many things. Things like having a stronger relationship with Christ and what it means to be a true man."

"4 years later and it's still a new experience every time. Some ups and downs but every time you go you're reborn. All those insecurities and questions you had about God, gone. After adoration it is no surprise what He'll do for you. I'm thankful for the relationship I've built with Him and I'm excited for more to come. I wish we can have small groups with our parish once over the weekend."

"I truly enjoyed the adoration, a very mind blowing experience."

"Steubenville East was a great place where I was reunited with friends from my parish and friends from other places and parishes. We learned how temptations can succumb and interfere with our lives. I've learned the balance in relationships and how they happen. I've choose to lean toward the priesthood and find a way to allow marriage in the priesthood as well."

"Steubenville really allowed me to rekindle an old faith; a faith that was lost through a year of school work, hobbies and overall craziness. This year at the conference I realized just because of the distractions in my life, calling me to forget about God, it does not mean under any circumstances that I need to give into them. My love of God is way too strong for that. This year's conference filled me with a sense of peace and joy, along with complete and utter love for God that I am going to strive to remember in all aspects of my life. His love is 'burning in my soul.'"

"Steubenville was by far the greatest experience I have ever had. I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to go. Adoration was by far the best part. I have never been and didn't really know what to expect but all I can say is it is saintly. I will never forget and my faith and love of God was strengthened. Thank you."