

# Steubenville on the Bayou

## Young Adult Guidelines

The policies for young adults participating at the Steubenville On The Bayou Catholic Youth Conference have been revised.

Per the request of Bishop Sam Jacobs, and with the approval of Franciscan University, there will be a corresponding young adult conference held simultaneously at the 2012 Bayou Conference. This opportunity is being offered to this particular age group after much prayer and discernment. In listening to the requests of group leaders, priests and young adults, the Bayou Conference is seeking to meet the needs being expressed. This will be accomplished through multiple sessions directed toward young adults between the ages of 18 and 26.

### **Requirements:**

**All participating young adults MUST (1) be in compliance with their own Diocesan Policies for the Protection of Children and Young People (2) register and attend with a group and (3) be at least 18 years of age and no older than 26 years of age by June 15, 2012.**

### **New Guidelines:**

1. Any young adults planning to attend the Steubenville On The Bayou Young Adult Conference Sessions *will NOT be considered a chaperone and therefore not to be counted in chaperone ratios.*
2. Any young adults planning to attend the Steubenville On The Bayou Young Adult Conference Sessions are not considered "youth" when determining number of chaperones needed to meet ratio requirements.
3. Only those young adults who have been designated as "young adults" by the group leader (i.e. they have a young adult bracelet) will be allowed to attend the Young Adult Sessions. This is to ensure that the correct number of chaperones remain with the youth throughout the conference weekend.
4. Youth participants are not allowed to leave the Conference Site without being accompanied by someone wearing a *chaperone* bracelet – young adult bracelets are NOT chaperone bracelets.

### **NOTE:**

- ANY REGISTRANT that is 18, 19 or 20 years old, from the viewpoint of the Conference Office, will be treated as participants. Unless the Group Leader directs the Conference Office of their "young adult" status, they will be given participant bracelets.
- ANY REGISTRANT that is 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 or 26 years old, from the viewpoint of the Conference Office, will be treated as a chaperone. Unless the Group Leader directs the Conference Office of their "young adult" status, they will be given chaperone bracelets and counted as a chaperone in the chaperone/youth ratios.

**\*\*\*The Conference Office still STRONGLY recommends that all young adults participate in the Mercy Crew program. However, this new Young Adult Conference is an alternative for those who cannot participate in the full program of Mercy Crew. For more information on Mercy Crew, please visit: [www.BayouMercyCrew.org](http://www.BayouMercyCrew.org).**