

VOICE + VISION

The National Summit for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults

Hosted by Franciscan University of Steubenville, in collaboration with the National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth and Young Adults

Voice + Vision: The National Summit for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults is a gathering of leaders and practitioners with pastoral and/or academic experience in Junior High, High School, College Campus, Pastoral Juvenil, and Young Adult Ministries that seeks to draw conclusions from recent national and international discussions about young people (the 2018 Synod on Young People, the *V Encuentro*, the *National Dialogue*, and Pope Francis' 2019 post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Christus Vivit*) on how to transform our praxis with youth and young adults in the United States. It is our hope that, through the practitioners gathered there, we would give *voice* and *vision* to the opportunities in America regarding these ministries.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

- 3:30 Gathering Music
- 3:45 Opening and Welcome
- 4:00 Opening Mass_(Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola)
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Gathering Music
- 6:45 Hosts Reconvene
- 7:15 Opening Keynote: "What is the Spirit Saying?"
A reflection on voice of the Holy Spirit in the Synod, *V Encuentro*, the *National Dialogue*, and *Christus Vivit*, especially as it pertains to youth and young adult ministries in all cultural communities across the United States.
- 7:45 Response Panel: seeing this historic moment from the perspectives of the national organizations working with youth and young adults across the USA.
- 8:45 Host Wrap-Up; send to social
- 9:00 Social

Thursday, August 1, 2019

- 8:30 Gathering Worship Music
- 9:00 Thursday Morning Mass_(Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori)
- 10:00 Host Transition; recap of Summit thus far.
- 10:20 Morning Keynote: "Pope Francis' Understanding of Vocations"

A reflection on the vocation to holiness, as understood in Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exultate* (2018) and through the lens of his recent post-synodal exhortation, *Christus Vivit* (2019), in particular chapters 8 and 9 (and the call to friendship with God, service to others, love and family, work, and special consecration).

10:50 Response Panel: identifying the challenges and opportunities of this new understanding of vocations, which reframes youth and young adult ministries with a “*vocational slant*” (as the Synod Final Document emphasized) especially in light of *Christus Vivit*.

11:50 Host Wrap-Up; send to lunch

12:00 Lunch Break

12:15 Special Lunch Gathering with Academics, on their papers.
Optional exercise for conference attendees.

1:30 Gathering Worship Music

1:45 Panel Conversation: “Reframing Ministry through the Paths of Young People Today”
Pope Francis, in *Christus Vivit*, challenges the Church to reframe our pastoral ministry with youth and young adults (especially throughout chapter 7) – to be a response to the reality of being young today (chapter 3) and the paths of young people (chapter 5); this panel will explore those realities and paths, which will lead into breakout sessions on how ministries may need to be reframed in response to this context.

2:45 Explanation of Breakout Conversations

NOTE: The goal of this section is to have facilitated conversations that would lead to proposals regarding a national vision of ministries to youth and young adults, specifically from each perspective or experience – and in light of Pope Francis’ challenge (in Christus Vivit, chapter 7) to re-imagine our ministry methods and planning.

3:00 Break to Breakout Conversations

3:15 Breakout Conversations about/for:

- Junior High Ministry
- High School Youth Ministry
- Catholic High Schools
- College Campus Ministry
- Pastoral Juvenil Hispana
- Intercultural Communities
- Urban Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Religious Discernment
- Marriage Discernment
- Youth on the Margins
- Academics
- Parents/Families

5:00 Dinner Break

6:45 Gathering Worship Music

7:00 Host Reconvene; recap of Summit thus far.

- 7:15 Evening Keynote: “Roots, Love, and Mission: On the Road Together”
Weaving together *Christus Vivit* chapters 4 and 6 (on the great message we offer young people through Christ, and on the intergenerational journey), and the latter half of chapter 7 (on mission and accompaniment), this will be a keynote to inspire the Church to engage and inspire young people across cultural and generational lines.
- 8:00 Holy Hour for Mission
- 9:00 Final Evening Announcements
- 9:15 Social

Friday, August 2, 2019

- 8:30 Gathering Worship Music (**WAL**)
concluding with a brief morning prayer
- 9:00 Host Welcome
followed by keynote introduction
- 9:15 Capstone Address: “Dreams and Visions”
Where is the Holy Spirit leading us in our ministries to youth and young adults? Inspired by Pope Francis’ reflection on Joel 3:1 (and Acts 2:17), what is the vision that we need to set forth in the United States, in light of the realized vision of *V Encuentro*, the Synod, the *National Dialogue*, and *Christus Vivit*?
- 9:45 Response Panel: representing the various conversations from the Summit, seeking to articulate specific objectives in our country’s praxis in ministries with youth and young adults.
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Closing Mass_(Mass of the Holy Spirit)
- 12:00 Host Final Announcements: Thank You and Farewell