

# Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Since 2008

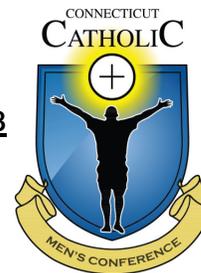
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Dear Pastor,

re: \_\_\_\_\_ Church

I believe that we are offering a spiritual event that can inspire your parishioners to do one more offering whether time, talent, or treasure in support of your parish family.

The formula for the cooperating Connecticut Dioceses who support the Men's Conference is that we promise an atmosphere for building up the Spirit of men wherever they are in their Faith journey. It's no secret that the combination of very powerful speeches on Faith, with the comradery of 700 men practicing their Faith together, combined with the sacraments of Confession and Mass, truly brings home the message to their families. I describe this as the spiritual booster shot.

In 2019, our theme is "Forge Your Path to Holiness" in reference to the fact that we are praying again the St Michael prayer at the end of Mass and in reference to Men's spiritual direction need.

Ever since Fr. Jim Sullivan, the CCMC chaplain, invited me to the very first CT Catholic men's conference 11 years ago and I experienced the event, I am reminded of this line from Acts 4:20 "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." My volunteerism and activities quadrupled after attending the men's conference.

I ask you to request one Parish member, who preferably has attended CCMC before, to register as a parish captain and begin inviting men to the conference. I believe that they will feel, as I do, a great willingness to ask men to attend, if encouraged.

In 2016, I wrote an article "Active Men Can Save the Parish" and remarked that the Men's Conference movement is a means to an end in the New Evangelization. It was my thesis that men must be pushed by their parish family to attend a Men's Conference to experience its secret. The secret is that whatever is their desire from their faith – it will be on display at the conference.

I'll ask men when I invite them, precisely what Fr. Larry Richard's preached at the first conference, "Don't you want everything that God is offering you?" And when the man pauses, I remark on either Acts 4:20 or our 2018 theme, that Jesus said, "Go Into the Whole World" in Mark 16:15. This is my eyes wide open plea to you. Men can use this conference as a jump start, booster shot, or re-discovery of their Faith. I pray to God that you will recommend attendance to your Parish and directly to your men's groups.

God bless your work.

## About The Conference

There is a vital need, today, for every Catholic man in Connecticut (and in every state) to become more aware of his God-given talents as a man and the responsibility that goes along with having that talent.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the continuous support of the archbishop of Hartford and bishops of Bridgeport and Norwich, the organizers of the annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference hope to offer vibrant speakers to address the contemporary issues that affect Catholic men in an atmosphere of true Christian fraternity.

By both encouraging and challenging those in attendance, it is hoped all will leave the event equipped to become leaders in their homes, in the church, in their local parishes and in society.