



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are here today to invite you to be a part of something wonderful.

You have come to Mass today because your Catholic faith is important to you—you have brought yourself out on a Sunday morning (Saturday evening) to listen to the Word, receive Christ in the most Blessed Sacrament, and remind yourself of your community. You are here because you are Catholic.

This spring, the Springfield Diocese is hosting something new—a conference for men, women, and children all together—the **Catholic Life Conference**—and we invite you to come. We invite you to be a part of something BIG and to dig deeper into the beauty of the Catholic Church. You could choose ANY faith and here you are—you're a Catholic. This conference is posing the question, "WHY?"—"*Why are you Catholic?*"

We are inviting you to join us on **March 21, 2020**, for the first annual **Catholic Life Conference**, to renew and refresh your WHY: Why YOU are here when so many have left our church; Why YOU are here when for centuries fear and anger have sought to bring down this beautiful faith; Why YOU are still here. YOU are the soldier in a world completely against the true faith and YOU feel it is important enough to be here when you could be somewhere else.

If you have felt abandoned, alone, ostracized, confused or complacent in your faith journey either by the world, your family, or fellow Catholics, this conference is for YOU.

If you are on fire for the Lord and love every single aspect of the Church, this conference is for YOU.

If you are a little of both, this Conference is for you!

Come and be reminded of why you are Catholic and be refreshed in your faith. We hope that when you come you will be reminded of what it is you love so much about this faith as well as leave renewed in a desire to have more.

We have spent two years getting this conference just right. We have made every effort to meld the old and the new to speak to each and every individual heart that desires to feel Christ's love.

> You will be able to receive two sacraments, *Confession* and *Holy Communion* for the Saturday Vigil Mass.

> We want to introduce *Adoration* in a reverent way—yet with a renewed sense of personal connection to the Eucharist.

> ...AND we have super-exciting *speakers*: **Scott Hahn**—an amazing speaker who is a convert, a Bible scholar, and a spokesman for the New Evangelization— together with two speakers with powerful testimonies: **Trish Short**, and **Hudson Byblow**. For the children and young at heart, we welcome **Popple**, a music ministry duo sure to make you laugh. We are so proud of this lineup of speakers and can't wait for you to hear them!

The Catholic Life Conference is going to compile all things Catholic into one full day—a celebration of the priceless gems of our Church here in the Springfield Diocese as well as in the Church throughout the world—and we guarantee you will leave feeling you are a part of something bigger that was created just for YOU.

One of the great treasures of our Church are our children, and we have opened the conference to children, ages 4-12, with a fantastic program of activities and blessing. Children under 4 are welcome if they stay with their parents. There is no childcare; but a family room is available for parents caring for toddlers and babies while being connected to the speakers by video monitor. In addition, we have the technology to translate the speakers and the Mass in real time for our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters. We have wonderful Vendors for you to browse for just that right book or service you have been searching for and a simple deconstructed box lunch will be provided.

We hope that you will plan to join us on March 21. Bring a friend. Come yourself. Come be refreshed in your faith. **Save the Date cards with registration information and brochures are [on the table by the door.]**

Come remind yourself “Why you are Catholic!” (Thank you!)