



## FAQ SHEET

### Who is this conference for?

The Catholic Life Conference is focused on the Springfield Diocese of Massachusetts to give Catholics in Western Massachusetts a reminder of the many gifts we have received right here in our own Catholic Churches. All Catholics of Western Massachusetts are invited—please come! If you are from another diocese or state, you are certainly welcome. If you are over 50, this conference is for you. If you are under 30, this conference is for you. If you are single, this conference is for you. Men, this conference is for you! Women, you too! Teens—we have had you in mind—we think you'll love it. Families and children—this is a fabulous day for you to experience together. Whoever you are, we want you to come. This is for all of us, all in one day.

### This is expensive when I count in my children. Is there assistance available?

We are offering a household cap at \$150.00, which we hope will help you bring your whole family. If you are seeking assistance, please call 413 768-0698 or email [catholiclifeconference@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclifeconference@gmail.com). We also hope that you will help us make this conference break even financially by considering your registration fee a donation to keeping the Catholic Church strong!

### I have special dietary needs. Can I request accordingly?

Non-meat sandwiches will be among the lunch choices. Other than that we are unable to provide for special needs.

### I would like to be a vendor. How do I do that?

Please see our website for vendor forms or call Karen Yestramski at 413/768-0698.

### Are vendors able to participate in the talks?

Vendors are welcome to attend the programs. Your vendor registration fee covers the attendance of two adults.

### Who put this conference together? Is Catholic Life Conference a local organization?

The Catholic Life Conference of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, Inc., is a nonprofit 501c3 incorporation formed under the direction of the Diocese of Springfield in cooperation with the Bishop and his staff. However, Catholic Life Conference is a separate entity, formed expressly for the purpose of providing an annual conference for the Catholics of Western Massachusetts. Under the leadership of its president, April Helenek, and a board drawing upon Catholics throughout the Diocese, the Catholic Life Conference receives its spiritual direction from Fr. Michael Pierz of St. John the Evangelist in Agawam. This conference is given by Catholics and is for all Catholics here in Western Massachusetts.

## How do I contribute ideas for “Look At Us”?

“Look At Us” is a compilation of highlights from our parishes and ministries. Your liaison will be working with your pastor to decide how to showcase your church for this video/slideshow that will be viewed at the conference. We will welcome your ideas! Please see your parish liaison or go to [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.org) to tell us what is wonderful about your church.

## Will my teen have fun or will he or she be bored?

We have chosen our speakers with young adults in mind, and that includes your teen. We invite teens to participate in the main program, with opportunities that may especially appeal to them: Hudson Byblow whose talk offers insight on navigating the world of sexual appetite and fluidity, loneliness and anxiety, the encounter with God and the life of virtue. We also recommend the performance by Popple for teens who would enjoy the kid humor and entertainment. **Please note: teens are needed as volunteers for the children’s program!** Join our Totus Tuus volunteers for an active day of making the faith alive through stories and games. Either way, we expect that your teenager will be glad he or she came.

## Can people from outside the Diocese attend?

Absolutely. We want everyone to come! Just register online and invite your friends. We have space for everyone.

## I’d like to promote my business. How can I advertise in the program?

We will be offering advertising space in our program to help offset the cost of the conference. If you would like to have your ad in the program, please call Joanne Dowdy at 413 768-0698 or email her at [catholiclifeconference@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclifeconference@gmail.com).

## I’d like to be a donor to support this conference. How do I do that?

You can support the Catholic Life Conference with an underwriting gift. Donation tiers are in honor of the conference’s patron saints! Be a part of our mission by choosing your tier: Lady of Guadalupe, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Joseph, St. Benedict, or Mother Teresa. We would love to hear from you! Contact Karen Yestramski: call 413 768-0698 or email her at [catholiclifeconference@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclifeconference@gmail.com).

## How can I volunteer?

We are looking for volunteers and would love your help! Come be part of the team. Look on our website [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.org) and choose “Volunteers” from the menu. To make this conference a success we are in need of a large crew of wonderful, enthusiastic helpers!! Volunteers will need to pay the conference fee, but we promise you the fun of being actively involved as an act of love. Plus, a free t-shirt!