



PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Diocese of Winona-Rochester



A CHURCH ON FIRE ~ A CHURCH ON MISSION

“... To Be Saints for God’s Greater Glory”

God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfillment.... Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. –Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate (“Rejoice and Be Glad”) #175, #177

THE MILLENNIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

A Church on Fire, A Church on Mission ~ “...To Be Saints for God’s Greater Glory” is the theme for a diocesan evangelization and discipleship event to be held on Friday - Saturday, June 7-8, in Rochester.

On Friday, the diocese will host the **MILLENNIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE** – “This unique, engaging, and refreshing day-long conference will empower clergy, Church staffs, and lay leaders to reach out to Millennial adults in simple, practical, and personal ways.” Here is some background on the conference...



The statistics are staggering.

- ✓ *80% of Millennials who were raised Catholic stop practicing their faith by the age of 23.*
- ✓ *15% of Millennial Catholics attend mass on a weekly basis.*

The Millennial Church Conference is a response of a few Catholic young adult ministers wanting to equip more Catholic leaders in dioceses, parishes, and organizations to engage the Millennial generation.

*We help leaders in parishes and dioceses effectively create communities that **understand, empower, and connect** with young adults. Nearly every leader in the parish has a role to play in this vision and we provide principles, language, and vision for how every member of the parish or diocese can work to reach the next generation.*

- ***Understand:** You will learn about the fundamentals of evangelization in a Millennial context, the common characteristics of this generation, and the unique and diverse challenges facing them today.*
- ***Empower:** You will walk away empowered by new strategies, a new understanding, and a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.*
- ***Connect:** You will connect with other leaders in your area while learning how to connect young adults to your parish, even if you aren’t a millennial.*

Pete Burak will be the main presenter for the conference, joined by other young adults active in church life. Pete serves as the Director of “i.d.9:16,” a ministry devoted to helping young adults become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. He is a 2010 graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, and has a Master’s Degree in Theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, MI. Pete is a frequent speaker at numerous youth and young adult events, and he is the Camp Co-Director of Pine Hills Boys Camp. Pete and his wife Cait, have two daughters, Grace and Erin, and a new baby boy, Donovan.



[The above information is taken from The Millennial Church Conference web site: www.millennialchurchconference.com.]

For more information about the Diocesan Pentecost Celebration, and to register for the event, go to: www.dowr.org/pentecost.html. You can also contact Todd Graff, Director of Lay Formation and RCIA:

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Program & Schedule Overview

(Friday, June 7th)

**CO-CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST • KAHLER GRAND HOTEL
Rochester, Minnesota**

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| 9:00 am | Registration & Gathering (with continental breakfast)
[Kahler Grand Hotel] |
| 9:30 am | Conference Session I – “Millennial Church Conference”
(with morning break) [Kahler Grand Hotel] |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm | Conference Session II - “Millennial Church Conference”
(with afternoon break) |
| 4:30 pm | Conclusion & Adjourn |
| 5:00 pm | Celebration of the Eucharist [Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist]
(A light social will follow Mass.) |

{Evening... **“Theology on Tap” session** [at a Rochester location TBD]}