



**Youth Ministry Committee of the Serbian Orthodox Church**  
**in North & South America**

Dear Honorable Clergy, Church Executive Boards, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the Blessing of the Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, the Youth Ministry Committee is pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Youth Conference to be held in Milwaukee, WI from Wednesday, August 11 through Sunday, August 15, 2010. The theme of this year's conference is "The Sanctity of Life". The conference is open to high school students. Students are eligible from the summer prior to 9<sup>th</sup> grade through the summer following 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Continuing our effort to provide a variety of experiences for our youth, the facility we have selected for this year's conference is Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. The university is an excellent location that has all the amenities that we need to have a successful conference full of spiritual and social activities.

This youth conference is an excellent opportunity for parishes in North and South America to send teenagers for spiritual fulfillment and fellowship with like-minded youth. The conference will include presentations and discussions related to important topics that our youth face every day. Recreational and fellowship events will enable our youth to interact with other high school students from throughout North and South America.

We hope that each parish will provide the financial means necessary to send representatives to the youth conference. Each teenager will be required to provide a \$150 registration fee as well as transportation to Milwaukee, WI. All board and food costs will be paid by the Central Church Council.

The following pages contain the registration materials for the youth conference. Please submit one complete packet for each representative you are sending to the conference and return to the Youth Ministry Committee at the following address:

Youth Ministry Committee  
c/o Chris Radanovic  
80 Church Rd  
Etters, PA 17319

All registrations must be received no later than July 15, 2010. It is very important that your registration be submitted by this date so that the coordinators can prepare for the conference logistics.

When you return the completed registration packet please make sure the following completed items are included:

- Youth Conference Registration Form
- Youth Conference Priest Recommendation Form
- Youth Conference Permission to Travel Form
- Parent/Guardian Authorizations, Permissions, and Agreement
- Conference Guidelines and Regulations
- Health History Form (2 pages)
- \$150 Registration Fee Check made out to "The Serbian Orthodox Church Youth Conference."

Finally, we have included a frequently asked questions page to help you prepare for the conference. Please feel free to contact Chris Radanovic if you have any questions about the conference. His home telephone number is (717) 303-3611 and email is [chrisrad@mindspring.com](mailto:chrisrad@mindspring.com).

We are very excited to have this opportunity to facilitate this event. We hope you will support the future of the church by sending youth from your parish to the conference.

The Youth Ministry Committee  
V. Rev. Steven Rocknage  
Rev. Dragan Petrovich  
Rev. Russell Radoicich  
Christopher Radanovic  
Becky Kesic  
Brian Hayden  
Joyce Yovetich  
Zora Lytkowski

## Youth Conference Registration Form

The Youth Committee requires that the following be completed in its entirety and returned with the registration packet.

Youth Name: _____			
Last	First	Middle	
Address: _____			
Number/Street	City	State	Zip
Youth Email Address _____			
Parent Email Address _____			
Parent Names: _____			
Home Phone: _____		Work Phone: _____	
Emergency Contact: _____			
Youth Birthday: _____ Male ___ Female ___ Shirt Size: _____			
Parish Name _____		City: _____	State: _____
Please indicate travel plans (mark one): <input type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> If the representative has special medical or physical needs or is under a physician's care for an ongoing physical or behavioral condition, please check this box and explain on a separate sheet of paper.			

For Office Use Only	
Date: _____	Ck#: _____ Amount: \$ _____
Parish Priest Recommendation Form: Yes/No	
Permission to Travel Form: Yes/No	
Parent/Guardian Authorizations, Permissions, and Agreement: Yes/No	
Conference Guidelines and Regulations: Yes/No	
Health History and Examination: Yes/No	

## Youth Conference Parish Priest Recommendation Form

The Youth Committee requires that the following be completed by the attendee's parish priest and returned with the registration packet.

Parish Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly explain the spiritual and leadership qualities and church community activities of this youth.

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**Signature and Seal of Parish Priest:** I hereby affix my signature in approving this youth's conference application, signifying his/her good standing in our parish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parish Priest**

## Youth Conference Permission to Travel Form

The Youth Committee requires that the following be completed by the attendee's parents and returned with the registration packet. If the youth is traveling with someone other than a parent/guardian a copy of this form should also be provided to the adult the representative is traveling with.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my permission for  
(Parent/Guardian Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the 2009 Youth  
(Youth Delegate Name)

Conference of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada to be held at the facilities of Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City State Zip

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish Priest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian



# Parent/Guardian Authorizations, Permissions, and Agreement

Youth Conference Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the paragraphs below and sign the consent and/or responsibility waiver. This is necessary not only for your teenager to attend the youth conference, but also for us to operate the conference.

The person herein described has permission to engage in all conference activities except as noted. I hereby give permission to the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America to provide routine health care, administer over-the-counter medications, administer prescribed medications, and seek emergency medical treatment including ordering x-rays or routine tests.

I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes. I give permission to the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America to arrange necessary related transportation for my teenager. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. I understand that my insurance coverage for my teenager will be used as primary coverage in the event medical intervention is needed. I further understand that I will be responsible for expenses not covered by my insurance.

I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken at all times by the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America and its agents during the conference. I understand the possibility of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold Alverno College and the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, their clergy, its leaders, employees, and/or volunteers liable for damages, losses, disease, or injuries incurred by the subject of this form.

I hereby give my permission to take field trips while attending the conference.

I agree that my teenager will abide by all the rules and guidelines set forth by the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America for the safety and good health of the conference participants. I also agree that if my teenager has to return home due to discipline violations, it will be at my own expense.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Alverno College and the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, their clergy, their leaders, employees, and/or volunteers from any expenses, losses, claims, or damages incurred as a result of the acts or omissions of the subject of this form. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, their clergy, officers, directors, employees, staff, and volunteers from any and all expenses, claims, costs or attorney fees incurred as a result of claims, actions and/of suits brought by me, my teenager or on my behalf or on my teenager's behalf or by anyone else as a result of any accident or injury occurring to me or my teenager.

I give permission for my teenager to participate in all conference activities, except the following (please list reason for each activity denied):

Activity and Reason for Denial of Permission:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Conference Guidelines and Regulations

Please note that this form must be read and signed by both the participant and the parent. Participants will not be permitted to attend the conference if this form is not signed and returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. The Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America strictly prohibits alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco products, fireworks, or any items harmful to other conference participants. If your teenager is found having any of the above he/she will be sent home immediately.
2. Any inappropriate, violent/aggressive, or unchristian behavior may result in your teenager being sent home immediately; these behaviors include, but are not limited to:
  - Violence towards another youth participant, chaperone, worker, or director.
  - Inappropriate "touching" or fondling of another conference participant (male or female).
  - Disrespectful behavior (swearing, cursing, yelling in anger, etc.) shown toward participants, chaperones, directors or workers.
  - Leaving the dormitory at night after "lights out".
  - Food, candy, or drink in the dormitories.
  - Radios, stereos, boom boxes, and walkman tape players are not allowed at the conference. Use of cell phones or iPods during the scheduled events of the conference/conference will not be permitted."
  - Disrespect shown during the Church services including laughing, talking, or not participating will necessitate one warning, then dismissal.
  - Use of dormitory phones for social calls.
  - Theft of property.
  - Vandalism of property will not be tolerated. If your teenager is involved in any of this you will be held financially responsible.
  - Rooms should be kept neat and presentable by participants. Please stress to your teenager to be respectful of others property.
  - Any additional conference facility costs above and beyond the provided amenities will be the financial responsibility of the parents/participant. This includes telephone charges, food purchases, gift/other purchases, and any unforeseen purchases made by the participant.

We reserved the right to search luggage, lockers, and bed areas at any time.

Participants please note, in signing below, you agree to adhere to the rules and guidelines of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America.

Participants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents please note: in signing below you are agreeing that your teenager will adhere to the rules and guidelines of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America. Your endorsement is your consent for inspection of prohibited articles. Your signature also affirms that you have gone over these items with your teenager. Your teenager will not be permitted to attend the conference unless this form is signed and returned to us.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Health History Form

The information on this form is not part of the conference acceptance process, but is gathered to assist us in identifying appropriate care.

Participant's Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the participant covered by family medical/hospital insurance (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier or Plan  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_ I.D. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies (Describe reaction and management of reaction):

Medical Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Allergies (include insect stings, hay fever, asthma, animal dander, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medications Currently Being Taken (meds brought to the conference must be in their original labeled pharmacy container):

Med (#1): \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Time Taken Daily: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Med (#2): \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Time Taken Daily: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Med (#3): \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Time Taken Daily: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional pages for more medications.



## Health History Form (cont'd)

This health history is correct and complete as far as I know. The person herein named has permission to engage in all conference activities except as noted.

I hereby give permission to the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America to provide, seek, and consent to routine health care, administration of prescribed medications, and over the counter medications, and emergency treatment for my teenager, as may be necessary, including, but not limited to x-rays, routine tests and treatment, and/or hospitalization. I also give permission for the conference to arrange related transportation. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes.

It is my intention that the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America be treated as acting in loco parentis if the person herein named is a minor. Further, it is my protected health information pursuant to the privacy regulations promulgated pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. I hereby agree (pursuant to 45 CFR 164.510 (b)) to the disclosure to conference representatives of the protected health information of the person herein described, as necessary: (i) to provide relevant information to the conference representatives related to the person's ability to participate in conference activities; and (ii) in the case of minors, to provide relevant information to the conference representatives to keep me informed of my teenager's health status.

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the conference coordinators to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied for trips out of the conference.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Adult Conference  
Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I also understand and agree to abide by any restrictions placed on my participation in conference activities:

Signature of Minor Conference Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Where and when are we meeting for the conference?

- Out of town delegates should fly into Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International airport (<http://www.mitchellairport.com/>) and plan to arrive by 4:00pm local (Central) time. Travel arrangements from the airport to Walsh University will be communicated prior to the conference.
- Local participants may be dropped off at Alverno College by 5:00pm. All participants should plan on being at the campus by 5:00pm so that the evening activities can proceed with all in attendance. No participants will be permitted to bring automobiles to the campus. All participants must be dropped off on Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup> and must be picked up by 12:00 noon on Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 3201 South 51 Street, Milwaukee, WI 53219.

2. Who is chaperoning the youth during this event? The Youth Ministry Committee will provide qualified chaperones. There will be one chaperone for no more than eight youth attendees.

3. What activities will take place at the conference? The conference will include several spiritual presentations and discussions relevant to being an Orthodox teenager. Recreational and service activities in the host city will be organized. Participants will attend services and choir rehearsals.

### 4. What should the participant bring to this conference?

Clothes & Miscellaneous to pack:

Toiletries: comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sun screen, deodorant

Clothing: daily change of underwear, socks, other clothes (shorts, t-shirts, etc. for outdoor recreational activities), pajamas

For boys: pants and suitable shirts for church services (jeans, t-shirts, and tennis shoes are not acceptable!)

For girls: skirt and blouse, or dress (dresses and blouses should have sleeves; skirts and dresses should be knee length. Nothing short)

\*\*Please do not send valuables -- jewelry, etc. -- with your teenager. We will not be responsible for its security.

\*\*Remember that this is a spiritual conference. Inappropriate clothing is a distraction to the other participants and will not be allowed.

### 5. What should the participant not bring to this conference?

- Automobiles – Out of town participants will meet at the Walsh campus. Local participants must be dropped off and picked at the campus. No personal participant cars will be permitted on the campus.
- Any Items Harmful to Other Conference Participants
- Radios, Walkman, Tape Players, DVD players, video iPods, laptops
- Food – all food will be provided by the conference center
- Linens: Alverno College will provide bath towels, face cloth, sheets, pillow, pillow case, etc
- Swim Wear: Alverno college does not have swimming facilities

6. Where is the conference campus? The conference will be held at Alverno College in Milwaukee, WI. Alverno College's website is: [www.alverno.edu](http://www.alverno.edu).

### 7. How do I contact the conference administrators in case of an emergency?

The emergency contact for the conference will be Chris Radanovic, the secretary of the Youth Ministry Committee. In case of emergency please call Chris on his mobile phone at (717) 841-6794. Chris will be present throughout the entire conference.

### 8. What time should I schedule my travel arrangements for?

Flights arriving at Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport on 8/11 by 4:00pm local (central) time and leaving Milwaukee on 8/11 no earlier than 1:00pm local (central) time.