



Nov 15 2025
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Catholic Youth Convention 2025 – Saints in the Making

Join us at St. Martin's University for the annual Catholic Youth Convention, for high school students in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This year's theme is: Saints in the Making!

Looking at our saints for inspiration, we see that a life of holiness is possible – and fulfilling! Saints aren't just holy people from the past – they are people like you and me who live in the world today. Sainthood IS attainable. We are all saints in the making!

This faith-filled day includes live worship music, games, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, adoration, and Mass with Bishop Schuster.

SCHEDULE:

9:00 am	Doors open
10:00 am	Welcome game
10:30 am	Keynote 1 – Fr. John O'Brian: "The Relic Hunter"
11:00 am	Youth Council Interview with Jake Finkbonner
11:30 am	Breakout 1
12:15 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Reconciliation offered
1:00 pm	Group game
1:30 pm	Breakout 2
2:15 pm	Keynote 2 – Fr. Maximiliano Muñoz
2:45 pm	Snack and Photo Scavenger Hunt
3:30 pm	Parish Time
4:00 pm	Adoration with Praise & Worship
4:45 pm	Prepare for Mass
5:00 pm	Mass

St. Martins University
5000 Abbey Way Southeast,
Lacey, WA 98503

COST: Youth pricing: \$65

Adult/Chaperone: \$30

Financial scholarships are available.
 Please visit the registration form for details.

<https://archseattle.org/events/catholic-youth-convention-2025-saints-in-the-making/>

Morning Breakout Sessions

AM 1: Singing with the Saints: The Soundtrack of Our Souls From Taylor Swift to K-Pop to worship music, our playlists reveal what our hearts long for most. In this interactive sing-along, we'll explore how God speaks through every beat and lyric, and how the saints might just be singing along, too. (Aires Patulot)

AM 2: The Saintly Six: African American Catholics on the Road to Sainthood (AM ONLY) High School Speaker! Eddie Schoen will share his experiences at the 2023 National Black Catholic Congress and 2025 National Black Catholic Men's Conference, and specifically what he has learned about six African Americans on the road to sainthood. (Eddie Schoen)

AM 3: Holy and Human: Why Sainthood Includes Mental Health, Not Just Spiritual Strength Being a saint doesn't mean having it all together. Mental health struggles like stress or anxiety don't make you less holy—they make you human. God calls us to grow through difficult times, and caring for our minds is an integral part of that journey. Saints were real and vulnerable, and so can you be. (Sister Doctor Chero Chuma)

AM 4: Catholic Lifesavers Corps – Be a Light in Someone's Darkest Moment High School Speaker! Ever had a friend who seemed off and made you really concerned, but you weren't sure what to say or do? Sometimes friends go through stuff that's hard to talk about—and you might not know what to say or how to help. This session is all about learning how to recognize when someone might be thinking about suicide, how to talk to them in a caring way, and how to connect them with the help they need. It's real, practical, and designed for teens who want to make a difference. You can be a light in someone's darkest moment. You don't have to have all the answers—just a heart that's willing to listen. (Brandon Demmon)

AM 5: Becoming a Saint...Who's Got the Time? A realistic approach to sainthood along with soccer and basketball and school and piano and screens and hanging out and... (Morgan Nolan and Deacon Dan Powers)

AM 6: Under Her Mantle: Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Star of Evangelization and Queen of all the Saints Discover how Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Star of the Evangelization, continues to guide us to Christ and inspire a new generation of faith through the story of her apparition. This talk explores Mary's courage, love, and "yes" to God — showing how she became the Queen of All the Saints and a model for young evangelizers today. (Dulce Casanova)

AM 7: Life Is Messy, Be a Saint Ever feel like everyone else has it together, but your life is a mess? Ever think you were beyond loving, or God just doesn't care about your life? You are not alone. Through stories of her own rocky journey as well as looking at lives of saints, Michele presents that no one's life is beyond repair, and you too can be the saint God made you to be. (Michele Heitzmann)

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PM 2: Archdiocesan Youth Council: Young Saints – The Lives of Teenagers who Became Saints (PM ONLY) High School Speakers! Members of the Archdiocesan Youth Council will share about the newly canonized Saint Carlo Acutis and other teenage saints from all over the world.

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