

National Catholic Conferences for Adults

Below is a list of major national Catholic conferences across the United States, including their intended audiences. Other conferences may be available but must be approved by the Secretariat of Formation.

Conference	Intended / Primary Audience	Focus or Description	Website
Acton Institute	Leaders from all over the world in business and the church, academia and ministry	Acton University Conference is a four-day exploration of theology, philosophy, entrepreneurship, international development, and market-based economics. Acton University is a conference dedicated to connecting moral and religious principles to economic and personal liberty.	https://university.acton.org/
Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG)	Social Justice Advocates, Ministry Leaders, Educators	Annual event focused on Catholic social teaching and advocacy.	https://www.usccb.org/sjp/catholic-social-ministry-gathering
Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) National Meeting	Music Ministers, Liturgists, Clergy	Annual Meeting focused on engaging the Church in the United States in the promotion of the liturgical renewal	https://fdlc.org/
Good News Conference	Adults, Couples, Families	Evangelization and renewal conference featuring national Catholic speakers.	https://www.goodnewsconference.com
Legatus Summit	Catholic Business Leaders, Executives, Professionals	Annual leadership summit integrating faith and professional life.	https://legatus.org
Los Angeles Religious Education Congress	Adults, Catechists, Ministry Leaders	One of the largest Catholic gatherings in the U.S. with workshops, liturgies, and formation sessions.	https://recongress.org

National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) Conference	Lay Ecclesial Ministers, Parish Staff, Pastoral Leaders	Formation and networking for lay ministers in parish and diocesan roles.	https://www.nalm.org
National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Convention	Music Ministers, Liturgists, Choir Directors	Annual convention focused on music, liturgy, and pastoral leadership.	https://npm.org
National Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice	Catholic Social Justice Advocates, Ministry Leaders	Focuses on healing, mercy, and restorative practices rooted in Catholic teaching.	https://catholicismobilizing.org
National Catholic Media Conference	Catholic Communicators and members of media from Diocese	Professional Development, networking, inspiration, faith formation, all areas of media, established in 1911	https://www.catholicsun.org/2025/06/24/national-catholic-media-conference-kicks-off-in-diocese-of-phoenix/
National Catholic Partnership on Disability Conference	Parish pastoral staff, those who are disabled and their care givers	Training, resources, inspiration, formation	https://www.ncpd.org/
NCEA National Convention & Expo	Catholic Educators, Administrators, Formation Leaders	Annual national event for Catholic education and catechesis professionals.	https://www.ncea.org
SEEK Conference* (FOCUS)	Young Adults, College Students, Parishioners and leaders focused on evangelization and discipleship	Large evangelization and discipleship event with prayer, worship, and formation.	https://seek.focus.org
Steubenville Adult Conferences	Adults, Parish Leaders, Ministers	Multiple themed conferences including the Bosco Conference, Power & Purpose, Defending the Faith, and Biblical Studies.	https://steubenvilleconferences.com

**We will be coordinating a diocesan contingent to attend the 2026 SEEK Conference in Columbus, Ohio from January 1-5. Ten full scholarships for the cost of registration and hotel are available on a first come/first serve basis to diocesan pastoral center employees. Additional scholarships to cover a portion of the cost are also available.*

Those receiving the full scholarship will be asked to participate in three 1-hour luncheon reflections following the conference. Those receiving partial scholarships are invited, but not required to attend.

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