



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Dear Parish and Young Adult Ministry Leaders,

I want to invite you and those you serve, ages 18-39, to participate in an event scheduled for Saturday, October 28, from 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at St. Cloud State University and Newman Center in St. Cloud.

This event, ***Vessels of Hope***, is designed to bring young adults together to pray, learn, network, share faith and celebrate their God-given giftedness. Participants will be invited to explore their unique and hopeful place in the Church during these challenging times and to recognize the Church's need for their leadership in building a better Church. Features of the day include keynote and workshop sessions including one with our speaker and musician Steve Angrisano, celebrating Mass together, VBS programming for children of participants ages 4-10, lunch, interactive fun, small group discussions, great music and more.

Please refer to the details below and encourage your young adults to participate in this event and celebration. Feel free to contact me with any questions or to see how to become involved in elements of the event.

With Gratitude,

Kent Schmitz – Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Schedule:

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	Registration: St. Cloud Newman Center
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Opening Introductions, Young Adult Trivia, and Mixers for Children
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Opening Prayer and Lunch
1:00 PM	VBS-type programming for children @ Newman Young Adults move to Atwood-SCSU
1:15 PM	Adult Keynote with Steve Angrisano
2:15 PM	Break

2:30 PM	Break-out Session I A) Loneliness, Anxiety and Belonging B) Seasons of life, Transitions and Discernment C) Faith, Marriage, and Children
3:20 PM	Break
3:35 PM	Break-out Session II A) Loneliness, Anxiety and Belonging B) Seasons of life, Transitions and Discernment C) Faith, Marriage, and Children
4:25 PM	Dismiss to Newman Center-prep for Mass
5:00 PM	Mass at Newman Center
6:00 PM	Closing, dismiss, and invite to post event location

Keynoter: Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ. To learn more about Steve visit: <https://www.steveangrisano.com/>.

Registration:

Please register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VesselsofHope2023> by Thursday, October 26. If registered by October 19, the cost for the day is \$20 per adult and \$5 each for children ages 4-10 participating in the VBS programming available. Maximum charge for a family is \$45.00. After October 19 the per adult rate is \$30 per adult.

* Group registration with parish or campus groups can be done by Group Leaders downloading the group registration excel file found here: <https://stcdio.org/event/vessels-of-hope/> and populating the file with participant information and emailing the file to CEM at: laura.gorder@gw.stcdio.org by October 26.

Parking and Lunch:

Details about parking on SCSC campus and lunch will be emailed to participants as the event approaches.

Any questions please call Catholic Education Ministries at 320-251-0111.