



Good morning!

My name is _____ and I am a parishioner here at _____.

I'm here to invite the men of our parish to join me and close to a thousand other men at the **31st Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference.**

Men of the parish, my question to you is, **what do you have to lose?** Discover why thousands have attended this conference, making it the longest-running Catholic men's conference in the country. **Iron sharpens iron—but first, you have to show up.** I would like to extend a challenge: Be bold. Join me at this conference and be inspired, renewed, and changed! Step back from all the pressures of the world for just one day. I promise it will be a day you will not regret.

The Conference is for men only - from teenagers up. To all the women of the parish, I ask you to kindly encourage the men in your lives to attend and see this as an opportunity to grow in virtue.

Speakers at this year's Conference include highly acclaimed Catholic speaker, author, and Relevant Radio Show Host, **Doug Hinderer**; the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, **Bishop Dennis Spies**; and renowned Catholic speaker, licensed psychologist, and author, **Dr. Matthew Breuninger**. The event will be emceed by the ever-popular National Anthem Singer for the Chicago Cubs, **Wayne Messmer**.

In addition to speakers, the program features Confession, Adoration, Mass, uplifting music, peaceful reflection time, first-rate vendors, and lunch.

The Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference is the weekend before Thanksgiving, **Saturday, November 21st**, from 8:50 AM to 4 PM, at the **NIU Holmes Student Center in DeKalb**. The cost is \$55 if purchased in advance by October 21st, \$60 after October 21st, \$65 at the door, only \$25 for college students or younger, and \$15 for deacons. Registration includes lunch and parking. There's more information in today's bulletin.

Please don't wait to register. I'll be at a table in the vestibule (narthex) after Mass, so you can ask questions, get more information, or register to attend today. Men, I hope you'll accept my challenge and join me! Thank you for your attention, and God bless you!