



CONFERENCE IN A BOX

HOW TO LAUNCH A SUCCESSFUL MEN'S
CONFERENCE IN YOUR PARISH OR DIOCESE

COMPILED BY CATHOLIC MEN'S LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

Why Conference in a Box? We know that launching a conference is quite the feat. The vision of Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance is that every diocese in America has a vibrant ministry to men. One piece of that process may be launching a conference for Catholic men in your parish or diocese. To launch a successful conference, much planning and preparation must take place. The goal of Conference in a Box is to give you a peek into the planning process for two different diocesan men's conferences planned by lay leaders just like you.

A few things to note before we get started. All materials linked in this guide have been compiled with permission from groups successfully doing ministry to men in the parish and diocese levels. What worked for them may not be a perfect fit for your parish or diocese conference, but our prayer is that you can use these resources to help create and prepare for a conference in your own setting.

As you make your way through the material, if you have questions about any of these resources or the conference planning process, please contact Tom Mignery with the Columbus Catholic Men's group. He can be reached by email (tom.mignery@burgessnipple.com) or phone (614-560-4621).

1) [Event Planning Manual – Catholic Conferences](#)

S&F Consulting has provided this manual to help those planning Catholic conferences. It outlines the arrangements that need to be considered and details the methods for implementing these plans. This step-by-step guide to planning your conference will allow you to plot out a critical path to success, develop and adhere to realistic timeline, and efficiently allocate tasks.

2) [Statement of Work – Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men 2020 Conference](#)

This document outlines the key planning areas, needs, and timeline for planning the 2020 Men's Conference for the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men.

3) [Columbus Catholic Men's Conference Host Parish Playbook](#)

The Columbus Men's Ministry Team has provided this playbook that details the step by step process their organization uses to create a successful men's conference for their diocese each year. This detailed playbook provides detailed timelines for every step of the planning process year after year, and also includes notes about what worked well or what should be revisited as the next year's conference is planned.