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Building Bridges to a Culture of Life hosts its 5th annual Pro-life Youth Conference, Saturday April 5 at Bishop Foley High School, 32000 Campbell Road, Madison Heights Mich. The conference costs \$15 and includes dynamic, youth friendly talks, exclusively designed t-shirt, Sunday Mass, dinner and a concert by the local high school talent of Obsidian Crush and International Coast Guard, followed by the World Youth Day bound band, Critical Mass.

The theme of this year's conference is "Born into a Life of Hope," an idea taken from Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical. Bishop Daniel E. Flores will be at the conference as one of the speakers, as well as celebrating Mass for the teens.

Building Bridges has received a phenomenal response from the youth who attended the conference in past years. Victoria Weber, a sophomore at Lahser High School, said "The conference was an amazing experience. It is definitely an experience I would like to continue to be a part of in the future."

Sarah Cwiek, a sophomore from Bishop Foley, attended the conference for the first time last year. It inspired her to help plan the conference this year. She also was instrumental in asking her school for the use of their location for the conference.

"It was so amazing because there was just a small group of kids my age, just like me, who got together and decided to have their voices heard. It became more of a shout because it reached so many people. It was very powerful and inspiring," Cwiek said.

The conference was originally a brainstorm of some teens returning from the March for Life in Washington D.C. These youth wanted to promote the value of human life year round. They came up with the idea to have a conference for high-school and college aged youth to help them learn about issues regarding the sacredness and value of every human life.

Josh Center, a home schooled sophomore, has helped his older siblings with organizing the conference in past years and has attended the conferences as well.

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Center said that the best part of the conference for him was “Pro-life apologetics that teach you how to discuss pro-life issues with peers.”

The Pro-life Youth Conference aims to instill in Catholic youth fervor for life and a desire to help build a Culture of Life in response to Pope John Paul II’s call for a culture of life. The youth of the planning team ask Our Lady of Guadalupe for her intercession and are faithful to the Magisterium of the church.

For more information about the Pro-Life Youth Conference, go to our website prolifeyouth.com. Contacts: Conor Callaghan, 248-519-3050; Matthew Williams, 248-620-1944 or Mr. Gary Lannen, treasurer, 248-202-6443.

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