



14. celostátní setkání vysokoškoláků Studentský Velehrad 2018

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About Studentský Velehrad 2018

Studentský Velehrad is a national conference of university students organized every two years at the famous Moravian pilgrimage site of Velehrad. The next run will be held from 19 to 22 April 2018 and is organized by a team of volunteers composed of students and young graduates under the patronage of College Catholic Movement (Vysokoškolské katolické hnutí – VKH ČR). This association has been offering a space for spiritual growth, expansion of horizons and active leisure to college students for over twenty years.

The program consists of a communal celebration of the Eucharist, lectures, concerts, workshops and discussions in groups. Lectures on the central theme offer both theological and theoretical content, as well as personal experiences of individual guests from specific areas of their lives. The lectures also serve as impulses for further discussion.

The conference creates an opportunity not only for thinking, but also for spiritual enrichment and for the beginning of new friendships. Participants can devote time to themselves, God and others. The previous conferences have already been attended by thousands of students.

Theme of Studentský Velehrad 2018

For the XIV. conference we chose the theme “*It’s up to you*”, accompanied by the motto „*A man is great just by feeling responsible*“ (A. de Saint-Exupéry).

The period of life at university is a time for everyone to start standing on their own feet, become self-sufficient and make more or less important decisions. Today, we are confronted with the fear of young people to accept responsibility. Many problems and uncertainties arise from the mistrust in oneself. We do not believe we can do something, and we’d rather do nothing than disappoint. Maybe we feel like by making a decision, we become tied, unfree and surrounded by worries. However, these problems are nothing compared to the joy and peace that we receive when accepting responsibility. Consequently, we can make a difference for our neighbours, for the whole society and, finally, to develop ourselves. Still, responsibility is not something a person is born with, one must learn to receive it every day.

Our free society and education provide us with an ideal starting position, to be actively involved. We are young, intelligent, capable and we are the ones who can really change something. Let’s not be overly shy, God trusts us! We should realize that the freedom given to us is a real gift and we always have the opportunity to decide for ourselves. It’s up to you – to every one of us!

The topic of Studentský Velehrad 2018, responsibility, can be perceived from two different angles, which are very closely related and complementary. On one hand, an individual can feel responsibility for himself, his own life, his relationship to God, responsibility for everyday small decisions, but also for great life steps. To perceive this responsibility, it is essential to gain a healthy self-esteem and determination.

On the other hand, it is the responsibility for the „outside world“, the awareness of others’ relationships, the need for social engagement and individual’s initiative. Simply: not be afraid to set an example for other people, even if it means going against everyone, and striving for a better world through us.

The program of the conference will be divided into two parts, the first one will focus on a man as an individual, his personality and his needs, and the second one on his surroundings, people and the whole society.