



Unite Ministries

**National Catholic Youth Conference:
Indianapolis, Indiana November 20-24 2019**

Information Guide



**For Students Currently in Grades 8-12
And Parents/Adult Leaders**

**In collaboration with the
National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry**



**Have questions? Contact your Youth Ministry
Coordinator at your parish or any of our parishes.**



Join us for the National Catholic Youth Conference!

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a biennial retreat-type experience attended by more than 23,000 High School Students from all over the United States. NCYC can be a life altering event after which participants (both students & adults) often return from with a renewed sense of direction, dedication, and desire to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ.

Our Unite Ministries team has been praying about taking youth representatives to this year's NCYC to be held in Indianapolis, IN on November 20-24. We have decided to extend an invitation to all our students who will be in grades 9-12 during the 2019-2010 school year!

Please take a look at the information included, discuss with your parents, pray, and then let us know by May 15 if you are interested. Contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

Feel free to view the promotional videos found on the NCYC Youtube page below:

<https://youtu.be/UQ6bli2Cq14>

Finally, we will host an informational meeting on Saturday April 13th, at Resurrection right before the final Unite Mass of the year. We will go over the conference details and answer all your questions to the best of our ability! Please come and hear about the trip, especially if you are on the fence about attending.

Peace,

Unite Ministries Team



What is it?

Overview

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult leaders. More than 23,000 young people and their leaders attended 2017 NCYC in Indianapolis; we are looking forward to having even more in 2019.

The 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference is November 21-23, back in Indianapolis, with the theme: “Blessed Broken Given”

What happens during NCYC?

The schedule includes keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, liturgy, and opportunities to participate in reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as recreational activities, concerts, and exhibits. A key component of NCYC is the thematic park which is a blend of traditional exhibit booths with interactive areas featuring service projects, games, recreation, live musical performances, arts and sports.

Is NCYC for me?

If you have ever asked yourself any of these questions (to name a few), then NCYC is for you:

- Who am I?
- Who does God say that I am?
- Do I really want to be Catholic?
- What makes the Catholic Church different than all the rest?
- How do I develop a deeper relationship with God? With Jesus? With the Holy Spirit?
- How do I deepen my prayer life?
- What is this life all about anyway? And, what is my purpose?

Discernment Prayer

Father, be with me as I go through the process of determining your will for me. Make it clear to me that this trip is something you want me to experience. Keep me open to the new ways you want to reveal yourself in my life. Guide me in your wisdom and love. Amen.



Schedule (Tentative)

Wednesday November 20

Travel Day

Check-in

Thursday November 21

8:00 am	Wake-up, Breakfast
9:00 am	Activity
11:00 am	Lunch
12:00 pm	Conference Check-in and Thematic Park Open
4:00 pm	Opening Liturgy (Mass with Region 8 representatives)
5:30 pm	Eucharistic Procession Downtown Indianapolis
6:30 pm	Gathering & Entertainment
8:00 pm	Opening Session

Friday November 22

7:00 am	Wake-up, Breakfast
8:00 am	Gathering & Entertainment
9:00 am	Morning Prayer and General Session
11:00 am	Lunch (option 1)
11:45 am	Workshop Round A
1:00 pm	Lunch (option 2)
1:45 pm	Workshop Round B
3:45 pm	Workshop Round C
5:30 pm	Mass
6:15 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	Evening Prayer & General Session

Saturday November 23

7:00 am	Wake-up, Breakfast
8:00 am	Gathering & Entertainment
9:00 am	Morning Prayer and General Session
11:00 am	Lunch (option 1)
11:45 am	Workshop Round D
1:00 pm	Lunch (option 2)
1:30 pm	Round E: What now?! (Discernment Sessions)
3:30 pm	Various Activities: Comedy Club, Dance, Reconciliation, Adoration, etc...
6:30 pm	Gathering and Preparation for Closing Mass
8:00 pm	Closing Mass

Sunday November 24

Travel Day—Return Home



Workshops

Workshops are the backbone of the NCYC experience. Students will have the opportunity to participate in 4 throughout the week, with a final 5th block of time used to help process those workshops so that they can bring the knowledge, insight, and wisdom gained back home.

NCYC offers two types of workshops covering a wide range of topics. The first type is a mega workshop, which usually seats between 3,500 and 7,000 people. These sessions are held in exhibit halls and offered only once per conference. The second type is a regular workshop. These sessions are held in meeting rooms and accommodate approximately 550 people per room, though some rooms hold as many as 1,200 people. These sessions are usually offered twice per conference.

Presenters include leading catholic speakers, priests, and religious from all over the world who specialize in any and every aspect of our Catholic faith.

Possible topics to be addressed in workshops:

Evangelization	Family
Faith & Spirituality Justice	Leadership
Media	Sexuality
Various Teen Issues Etc...	

Possible Speakers Include:

Steve Angrisano	Apex Ministries	Doug Brummel
Stephanie Clouatre Davis	Leah Darrow	Jamie Dillon
Father Ray East	Father Joseph Espaillat	Jason Evert
Tammy Evevard	Brad & Joia Farmer	Robert Feduccia
Father Stan Fortuna	Christina Theriot	Gavin Noelle Garcia
Brian Greenfield	Eric Groth	Mark Hart
ValLimar Jansen	Beth Joubert	Jim Keady
Jon Leonetti	Marco Martinez	Judy McDonald
Tony Melendez	Father Jonathan Meyer	Ted Miles
Dobie Moser	Sister Rose Pacatte, FSP	Chris Padgett
Mike Patin	Katie Prejean	Cooper Ray
Father Tony Richard	Jorge Rivera	Matt Smith
Sal Solo	Chris Stefanik	Doug Tooke
Amanda Vernon	Greg Wasinski	



Other Activities

Prayer & Worship

Prayer is an essential component of NCYC. Through prayer the Catholic Christian community is grounded in the Lord. The days are interwoven with various Catholic prayer forms, to give youth and adults alike, an experience of the breadth of prayer within the church.

Participants have the opportunity to experience and share in many forms of liturgy and prayer during NCYC—not to mention celebrating the closing Mass with 25,000 others!

Meditation areas and a prayer center allow youth and adults the chance to pray and reflect either alone or in small groups. Mass is offered each day of the conference, as well as opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, recitation of the rosary, prayer through music.

Music

Music is a key element of NCYC. Over the coming weeks, NFCYM will announce the acts that have been selected to open for general sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium and for mega workshops in the Indiana Convention Center.

Later this fall, the performance schedule for the thematic park Coffee House stage will be posted.

Service

Service is an integral and vibrant part of the thematic park experience. Opportunities abound in Inspiration Junction. From things to bring from home to hands-on projects in the hall, there are numerous opportunities to be of service to others at NCYC.

Recreation

With all that is offered at NCYC, by Saturday afternoon most participants are ready for a short break before closing liturgy. This is why from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, NCYC turns its focus to engaging participants in recreational activities.

Dance

Lead by top Catholic youth ministry DJs and featuring appropriate chart topping music, this dance attracts about half of the NCYC attendees.

Comedy Club

Featuring comedy performers and musicians in comedy sketches, the comedy club showcases the funny side of faith.



Trip Details

- Who: High School Students, Adult Leaders, and Youth Ministry Coordinators
- What: National Catholic Youth Conference
- Where: Indianapolis, Indiana
- Conference Site: Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Colts) and the Indianapolis Convention Center
- Lodging: Surprise luxury housing (2 blocks away)
- When: November 20-24 (*note this means you will be missing 3 days of school*)
- How: Carpooling
- Cost: \$700/Student Total

We are asking each student for a \$200 down payment. The remaining balance of \$500 can be fundraised by participating in the various Youth Ministry fundraisers throughout the year. Essentially you can go on this trip for as little as \$200. We want to make this experience as affordable as possible.

A \$200 down payment is due May 15. The remaining balance will be settled in June 2020 once all our fundraisers have been completed for the fiscal year. Over 90% of students who participate in our fundraisers earn enough money to cover their entire \$500 owed after the \$200 down payment!

How to Sign-up

Again, discuss with your parents, take some time in prayer to determine whether or not you are being called to participate. When you have done so, and if you decide this is something you'd like to experience, register online by visiting **www.uniterochestermn.org/trips** by May 15 and then turn in your down payment of \$200 to your Youth Ministry Coordinator. Let us know if you have any questions!