



## **NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FACT SHEET**

### **WHAT IS NCYC?**

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic high school age teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics as well as opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities such as concerts, a dance, a comedy club, and thematic village.

### **WHERE WILL NCYC BE IN 2019?**

- NCYC is in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana
- NCYC is November 21-24 (Thurs – Sun)
- All events are held at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indianapolis Convention Center
- All participants from the North Deanery will stay at the JW Marriott Hotel during the conference

### **WHO MAY ATTEND?**

Any teens enrolled in grades 9 - 12 in the Fall of 2019.

### **WHAT IS THE THEME FOR NCYC 2019?**

The theme of NCYC 2019 is **Blessed. Broken. Given.** Each of the General Sessions will focus on an area of the theme.

### **WHAT IS THEMATIC VILLAGE?**

A key feature of NCYC is the Thematic Village. Plans for the 2019 Village are centered on each continent, on the globe, being Blessed, Broken, and Given, making "**Global Village**" the 2019 theme of Thematic Village. In Global Village, you will find a combination of interactive games and activities, hands-on service projects, and traditional exhibit booths. Participants can create items, participate in physical activities, listen to live music, and pick

up resources and souvenirs from leading Catholic vendors all in the same venue. Thematic Village is a unique venue incorporating traditional exhibits with interactive educational and recreational activities!

### **WHO WILL SUPERVISE OUR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS?**

- Two Adults will be attending NCYC for any registered Youth participants up to 12. Then One Adult will be added for every additional 6 Youth registrations.
- ALL chaperones must have a completed and current Safe and Sacred Course and current Background Check.
- Speaking of Chaperones ... if you would like to chaperone let the Parish Group Leader know. There are specific break-out sessions catered to adults at NCYC.
- Don't worry teens; your parents are busy working, so they will be in your way!

### **WILL MY CHILD BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL?**

Yes! Your child should be excused from school. Our experience has been that the Catholic schools **and** the public high schools will excuse the teens from school. The only exception is if your child is struggling academically. Each parish will notify each high school about 2 weeks before NCYC with the names of the participants to be excused. The high schools will also want permission from the parents. Finally, closer to the event, an Excused Absence Memo from NCYC will be available for your use.

### **ARE THERE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS?**

- NCYC needs over 1,000 volunteers!
- Volunteer areas are Hospitality / Setting up Liturgies / Safety, Security and Crowd Management / Assisting in the Thematic Village area / Transportation / Lost and Found / Hallway Directors / Etc.
- Volunteers must have a Background Check on file with the Archdiocese
- Volunteers must complete the Safe and Sacred Course
- An Electronic registration for all volunteer positions will be coming out soon. The link will be sent out when available, and will also be published in all the North Deanery bulletins.
- Volunteers are needed from 6:00AM-11:00PM (shifts are typically 1-3 hours long), at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium.
- **Volunteer Perks:** a happy, warm, good feeling seeing 25,000+ high school youth celebrating their faith, free t-shirt, free limited parking, and snacks for volunteers available too! Must be at least 18 years old.

### **WHAT HOTEL INFORMATION DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

- The JW Marriott has 34 floors and over 1,000+ guestrooms!
- You must sleep in the room you are assigned.
- **NO ONE** is allowed in your room unless they are registered for NCYC and are of the same gender as the occupants.
- Males and females are not allowed in one another rooms ... period.

- Rooms are arranged with 4 participants to each room.
- NCYC curfew is 12:00 (Midnight). All North Deanery Groups will follow this same curfew.

### **DURING THE DAY WILL THERE BE CHECK-IN / MEETING TIMES?**

YES!

- The best policy is "early is on time and on time is late". If we ask you to report to your chaperones at a particular time, be respectful and don't cut your time close.
- We have times where we will stay with our parish groups. There are also times when you are free to join up with any friends attending NCYC.
- There is also a Code of Conduct Form that we expect the NCYC participant to sign and those rules are expected to be followed.

**EMERGENCY PLAN:** Should we need one, we have an emergency plan set to take place. You are to go directly to the designated meeting point. Phone lines of the participants MUST stay open and free. Let me explain!

### **SHOULD I BRING MY OWN MONEY?**

- You will need your own money for any souvenirs. The amount you bring depends on you!
- NCYC will usually sell the 'General Session Talks' from the conference at varying packages and prices.
- You are responsible for your own snacks and any drinks (other than your drinks with provided meals).
- There will be 2 Mass collections. You are blessed, you should give!
- Any money you would need for Tipping. The practice of tipping is meant as a form of thank you, and downtown hotel employees are used to making good wages from tips. The best practice to save your money is: carry your own bags, say 'no thank you' if the doorman tries to assist you, ask an NCYC volunteer for assistance - not the hotel concierge desk.
- As a general rule, each hotel room should tip on the morning of checkout - so plan on at least \$2 - \$3 per roommate, per night, to be left on the nightstand in your individual room.
- Tipping is a great habit to get into and we would appreciate each individual participant to learn from this NCYC experience. Who knows, you may work in the service industry one day!

### **WHAT MISC INFORMATION SHOULD I KNOW?**

The following must be followed at all times:

- NO ONE is allowed in your hotel room that is not a registered NCYC participant.
- NO ONE is to EVER go anywhere without a "buddy". You are NEVER to be alone.

- NO ONE is allowed to go to the movies / shopping / sightseeing / etc ... You are only to be at NCYC events and venues (except when dismissed for meals.)
- You may not personally like cows, however, just know they represent that you are a part of Region 7! NCYC will know where you live by your cow apparel.
- No need to pack a swim suit - there is NO TIME for swimming!
- NCYC will have several service projects going on. More info to follow on projects and collections.

### **WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST TO ATTEND NCYC?**

- The total cost is **\$500.00**. This includes the fee for the conference, hotel accommodations, dinners and conference shirts and memorabilia. Late Registrations will begin Thursday, September 12, at \$520.00.
- A **\$100.00 deposit is due upon Registration** along with the completely filled out General Release and Liability Waiver Form.
- We are very lucky that the Conference is right here in Indy – no travel expenses will be required, so our cost is less than our neighboring Catholic friends!
- All Registrations and All Liability Waiver Forms are completed on-line.
- Please make checks payable to the Parish you are attending with, and in the memo write NCYC.

### **Fee Discernment:**

Realizing that families have differing abilities to pay, we have instituted a voluntary 3-tier pricing program. Please take a moment to look at the fee descriptions below, and pray about the price your family is able and willing to pay to attend NCYC. This is strictly voluntary. In no way will the amount paid influence or affect the quality of this experience for your participant.

- **Fee Plan A:** This is based on the actual cost of NCYC for a participant. It includes all total expenses of \$500.
- **Fee Plan B:** This is based on a partially subsidized rate for those who can pay a little more but are still unable to afford the actual cost of NCYC.
- **Fee Plan C:** Your family agrees to pay the remaining subsidized balance.