Greetings from the Catholic Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office! We are excited to provide information about the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC.) We invite you to consider bringing a group, or at least publicizing it to your young people so that they can take advantage of our special individual registration option (explained on the general information form.)

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) sponsors two major gatherings: the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM) for adults (held in even-numbered years – next in New Orleans in 2020!) and the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) for our youth (held in odd-numbered years.) NCYC is the largest single gathering of Catholic teens in the United States. Dioceses from across the country send delegations and youth serving agencies and publishers such as Ave Maria Press, St. Mary’s Press, the Center for Ministry Development, Group Publishing, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Life Teen, Catholic Heart Workcamp, etc. collaborate in the planning and hosting of the convention. **Some 23,000 teenagers attended NCYC 2017!** NCYC is a convention: it includes the experience of larger-church, formation opportunities in various workshops, prayer and liturgy, inspiring keynotes, contemporary Christian musicians, vocation exhibitors, and the opportunity to meet other Catholic teens from around the country. The Archdiocese of New Orleans has always been well-represented!

**Attendance at NCYC is coordinated by each U.S. diocese and it is time to start planning for the Archdiocese of New Orleans to participate in NCYC 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.** If you have brought your parish/school group in the past, then you know a lot of what to expect at NCYC. If you have never been, I encourage you to consider joining the archdiocesan delegation for NCYC 2019. Promotional videos are available for viewing on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQ6bl2Cq14](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQ6bl2Cq14). Enclosed is important information to begin your preparations and secure space with us:

- This cover memo
- General Trip Information document
- **Trip information/registration** sheet (one registration sheet per person is due with deposits; we will take registrations until June 21, 2019, or until filled)

Please read each document carefully and contact me at 504-836-0551, ext 3219 or Terry at ext. 3221 if you have any questions. **Space is limited and registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis so please do not delay!**
National Catholic Youth Conference 2019 in Indianapolis

Who’s Invited
NCYC is open to all high school youth. There should be at least one adult (over 21) chaperone for every ten teenagers. College students under 21 are welcome to attend NCYC, however they do not count as chaperones and are expected to adhere to all adult guidelines/rules. A letter signed by the archbishop for schools is available from the archdiocese to obtain excused absences; all Catholic high schools are expected to accommodate students attending the National Catholic Youth Conference.

*SPECIAL NOTE: The ideal situation is for teens to travel with a parish or high school delegation on the archdiocesan trip. We are especially appealing to youth ministers and campus ministers to make this opportunity available. If it is impossible for the adult youth minister to travel, the CYO Office will take individual youth registrations if accompanied by a recommendation from the youth minister that the teenager is deserving of the NCYC experience and has the sense of maturity and responsibility to participate. Therefore, every parish youth ministry should be able to at least advertise NCYC. NCYC is still best experienced, though, as a parish or school group so that the experience can be shared and processed back at home.*

Dates and Transportation
The conference takes place from November 21-23, 2019. At this time, we are planning to travel by deluxe motor coach to Indianapolis. (The buses have electrical outlets and video.) We will depart New Orleans on the evening of Wednesday, November 20, 2019, and return on the evening of Sunday, November 24, 2019.

The trip package price of $695 is based on the transportation component costing $195 per person. As you can see, flying would drastically increase the cost of the overall trip.

If your parish or high school group has a strong preference to fly, the CYO Office will work to accommodate this preference, but please understand the following: 1) the arrangement of and payment for flights will be the responsibility of the parish or school, 2) your itinerary must adhere to the archdiocesan conference schedule in terms of arrival and departure days/times, 3) although we will make every attempt to deduct the bus cost from your trip package price, it may not be a complete deduction if the motorcoach is left partially full (and therefore partially paid for) by the decision of individual groups to fly.

Convention Site, Hotel, and Meals
NCYC 2019 will be held in the Lucas Oil Stadium and Indianapolis Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our accommodations (determined by NFCYM housing lottery) will be at the Hilton Indianapolis, located just a few blocks from the convention site. Two breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner are included. All other meals are the responsibility of the individual or the parish group leader. We will provide an extensive list of affordable dining venues at a later date.
Forms
Once group registration forms and deposits have been received by June 21, 2019, each parish/school group coordinator will receive a packet with further forms (permission/liability release/medical consent/hotel room list/etc.) required by NFCYM and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. All of these forms will be due by August 23, 2019.

Cost
The trip package price is $695 per person and includes conference registration, hotel accommodations, transportation, two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner, and a T-shirt. It assumes that teenagers will be four per hotel room and that adult chaperones will be two per hotel room. If anyone desires a single room, please contact the CYO Office for pricing. Payments are NOT refundable. If you are concerned about a refund option, you should purchase travel insurance through Access America or another reputable company.

Trip Meetings: Two Mandatory Meetings

For all adults traveling to NCYC:

TBA in August 2019; this meeting will cover trip details; every attending parish/school must be represented.

For everyone (adults and youth) traveling to NCYC:

TBA in October 2019; this is the mandatory meeting for all youth and adults traveling to NCYC, and the parents of teens traveling. We will review important trip details, and commission and bless our delegation.

Deadlines/Important Dates

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE
Hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Archdiocese of New Orleans Pilgrimage Information
Sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office

- Attend a gathering of some 23,000 Catholic teenagers from around the country
- It only happens once every two years!
- Meet new friends, hear national speakers on topics that matter to teens, attend great workshops, celebrate Eucharist, enjoy fantastic music.
- Travel with 100 other youth from the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
- Make memories at a gathering of the “big church” like you’ve never experienced before and see that being young and Catholic is popular, energetic, and filled with hope!
- Go to www.ncyc.info for info, promo video, and theme song

Dates: November 20, 2019 (evening departure) – November 24, 2019 (evening return)

Cost: $695

Includes:
- NCYC (early) conference registration
- Transportation
- Accommodations at the Hilton Indianapolis, two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner, and trip T-shirt

- Non-refundable $95 deposit due to the CYO Office by June 21, 2019
- Additional payments: $150 due each on July 15, August 23, September 20, and October 14; no payment is refundable unless replacement found; call to arrange other payment timelines; credit card payments will be assessed a 5% fee
- Detailed itineraries, liability release forms, registration materials, etc. will be mailed to those paying deposits! Trip is open to current (spring 2019) grades 8-11 (parish or high school groups) and youth ministers/adult chaperones/parents

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YES, I want to go to the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) with the Archdiocese of New Orleans!

Name_____________________________ E-mail________________________

Address_____________________________ City _________ State ______ZIP_______

School/Church Group _____________ Home phone___________ Cell ___________

$95 Check enclosed _____ Credit Card #___________________________ Exp_______

Name on card_________________________ Signature _________________________

Please mail to CYO/Youth Ministry Office, Archdiocese of New Orleans, 2241 Mendez St., New Orleans, LA 70122 or fax to 504-836-0552. Info at www.cyo-no.org. Call Terry Fricano at 504-836-0551, ext. 3221.