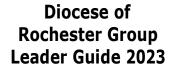




Diocese of Rochester 2023 National Catholic Youth Conference November 16-18, 2023





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS The NCYC Experience

What is NCYC?

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high-school age) and their adult chaperones.

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. NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, Inc. (NFCYM).

What is the NFCYM?

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) is a nonprofit organization who purpose is to foster the development of youth ministry within the Catholic Church. The Diocese of Rochester is a member of NFCYM. Learn more about NFCYM here: www.nfcym.org.

What does NCYC as a pilgrimage experience mean?

Attending NCYC is more than just a trip; it can be a life-changing experience. The goals of a pilgrimage, especially for young people, should reflect the general goals for youth ministry found in Renewing the Vision. As a reminder, those goals are:

- To draw young people into responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community
- To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today
- To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person

Why attend the NCYC?

Youth and their adult chaperones attend NCYC because they want to:

- Gather together with other Catholic youth on a national level;
- Learn more about themselves and their relationship to God, and the Catholic Church; Celebrate their Catholic faith;
- Meet thousands of other Catholic youth, sharing beliefs and experiences;
- Recognize their role in the life of the Catholic Church.



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When and where will NCYC be held?

All activities for NCYC will take place at the Lucas Oil Stadium and Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 16-18, 2023. The Diocese of Rochester pilgrimage group will depart for Indianapolis on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

Who can attend NCYC?

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is open to all high school aged youth and their adult chaperones.

- Youth attendees must be in high school at the time of NCYC (November 2023). When
 promoting NCYC, don't forget to include this year's 8th graders, as they will be 9th graders
 in November 2023.
- Adult Chaperones must be age 21 or older and be in compliance with Diocese of Rochester Safe Environment Policies.
- This IS NOT meant to be a conference for College Age or Young Adults, however, if you
 have young adults who have attended in the past and are interested in attending as Young
 Adult Assistants, they may be permitted to attend with the permission of the parish group
 leader.

Ratio of Adults to teens

Each group should have at least 1 adult for every 6 youth. The 6:1 ratio does not include the group leader. If there are male and female youth in your group, it is recommended that you have male and female adults. Diocesan priests attending are not considered chaperones – this is to ensure that they are free to care for the pastoral needs of the whole delegation.

What will be our Transportation?

The Diocese of Rochester will travel by coach buses provided by Anderson Coach & Travel to the conference. Learn more about Anderson Coach & Travel here: www.goanderson.com

From most areas of the Diocese, it is approximately a 10-hour drive. Buses will depart between approximately 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. depending upon departure site on Wednesday afternoon (November 15) from various locations around the Diocese. While we will strive to have your bus site be close to your parish, you may have to travel up to approximately 45 minutes to your departure site.

Buses will arrive to our hotel in Indianapolis between approximately 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. Thursday morning (November 16). Buses will only make brief bathroom stops. Pilgrims should pack a dinner to eat on the bus.

Buses will depart directly from Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday, November 18 at approximately 11:00 p.m. to return home. Busses will return to the Diocese of Rochester at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 19.



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What hotel will we stay at?

The exact hotel will not be known until closer the conference. The Diocese of Rochester will reserve a block of rooms through NFCYM at the hotel we are assigned. Hotels are always well-known hotel chains that are safe, clean, and have a good reputation.

How many youth to a room?

There will be two youth of the same sex in each room.

How many adults to a room?

There will be 2-3 adults of the same sex in each room. Married couples will room together. Private room requests are handled on a case-by-case basis—please contact Office of E&C!

Will we be staying in rooms by parish?

For the most part, hotel rooms will be assigned by parish to make the job of the adult chaperones as easy as possible. Each parish will need to provide the Diocese of Rochester with rooming lists. In an effort to reduce the overall cost and to utilize our block of rooms effectively, if a parish does not completely fill each room, we may need to assign youth from different parishes to share. If that is the case, the parish group leader will be notified first.

How will we get from our hotel to the conference?

NCYC hotels are located throughout the Greater Indianapolis Area. Some hotels are within walking distance to Lucas Oil Stadium and Indiana Convention Center. If our hotel is within walking distance, it will be the responsibility of adult chaperones to accompany their group from the hotel to the conference and back. If our hotel is not within walking distance, we will have bus transportation each day.

Do we receive swag and trading items?

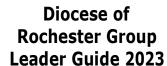
Once again, the Diocese will provide each pilgrim with some swag for the conference. The exact diocesan swag for NCYC 2023 will be determined at a later date.

Parishes can choose to purchase and bring, or even make their own items to trade while at the conference. There are some great, inexpensive items through Oriental Trading and on Amazon. Speak with veteran leaders to find out some of the unique ideas.

What are the meal options?

The Diocese of Rochester plans to provide breakfast each day (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Parish groups need to make their own arrangements for meals outside of breakfast. There are numerous eateries near the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium that welcome groups. A Downtown Indianapolis dining guide is available here:

<u>www.icclos.com/attendees/dining-guide/</u>. In previous years, there were also meal options at the Indiana Convention Center itself. Updates to meal options will be made available as they develop.





Costs

The NCYC 2023 pilgrimage package includes the official NCYC Registration Fee, lodging, breakfast each day (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), diocesan swag, and motor coach transportation throughout the entire pilgrimage.

*NOTE: More items may be included in the NCYC 2023 pilgrimage package as preparations for the pilgrimage unfold and financial obligations become clearer. If more items are included in the pilgrimage package, group leaders will be notified.

Early Bird Rate (Dec. 1-30, 2022)- \$950.00

Regular Rate (Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 2023)- \$1,000.00

Late Rate (Apr. 1-June 1, 2023)- \$1,050.00

Additional Costs:

Pilgrims may choose to bring spending money for NCYC souvenirs and other merchandise available from vendors at the conference.









Schedule for Payments

| Payment | Due Date | Cost |
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| Early Bird Registration Deposit | December 30, 2022 | \$ 250 Per Person |
| Regular Registration Deposit | March 31, 2023 | \$ 250 Per Person |
| Late Registration Deposit | June 1, 2023 | \$ 250 Per Person |
| 1 st Payment (All Registrations) | June 1, 2023 | \$ 350 Per Person |
| 2 nd Payment (All Registrations) | August 1, 2023 | \$ 350 Per Person |
| Registration Fees | August 1, 2023 | Varies by Parish |



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Cancellations, Refunds and Changes

While the Diocese of Rochester completely understands that we live in a world where one's circumstances can change instantly, it is important that good financial stewardship is practiced. If a pilgrim is no longer able to attend NCYC, the Diocese of Rochester will work with the pilgrim's group leader to find someone to take the pilgrim's place. The funds the parish paid for the pilgrim not attending will be applied to the pilgrim taking their place. There are fees associated with a substitution made after June 1 (see below). If all substitution efforts have been exhausted and someone is not found to take the pilgrim's place, the Diocese of Rochester will work with the individual parish to determine if any funds can be refunded. The Diocese of Rochester cannot guarantee any refunds, and, like a substitution, there are fees associated with a cancellation (see below).

NOTE: THE DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE!

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Fees for Delete/Substitution

| Per Delete/Substitution | June 2-August 1, 2023 | \$60 |
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| Per Delete/Substitution | August 2 -October 1, 2023 | \$100 |
| NO CHANGES | AFTER October 1, 2023 | |

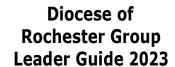






NCYC 2023 Tentative Schedule

| Wednesday, Novem | ber 15 | |
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| 3:00-5:00 p.m. | Depart for Indianapolis (youth may need an early dismissal from | |
| (Exact times TBD) | school) | |
| Thursday, November 16 | | |
| 1:00-2:00 a.m. (Exact times TBD) | Arrive at Indianapolis Hotel (Hotel TBD) | |
| TBD | Breakfast | |
| TBD | Diocesan OR Regional Liturgy | |
| TBD | Depart for Convention Center- Circle Center/Interactive Exhibit Hall | |
| Varies by Group | Dinner | |
| 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. | Gathering & Entertainment | |
| 7:45 - 10:00 p.m. | Opening Session I | |
| 10:30 p.m. | Bus Departs for Hotel | |
| 12:00 a.m. | Lights Out | |
| Friday, November 17 | | |
| TBD | Breakfast | |
| TBD | Buses Depart Hotel | |
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. | Gathering & Entertainment | |
| 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. | Prayer & General Session II | |
| 10:45 a.m 5:30 p.m. | Interactive Exhibit Hall Open | |
| 11:00 a.m 5:30 p.m. | Chapel Open | |
| 11:30 a.m 12:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions – Round A | |
| 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Reconciliation Available | |
| Varies by Group | Lunch | |
| 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions – Round B | |
| 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions – Round C | |
| 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Daily Mass | |
| Varies by Group | Dinner | |
| 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. | Gathering & Entertainment | |
| 7:45 - 10:00 p.m. | Prayer & General Session III | |
| 10:30 p.m. | Buses Departs for Hotel | |
| 12:00 a.m. | Lights Out | |





| Saturday, November 18 | | |
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| TBD | Breakfast | |
| TBD | Pack Buses / Buses Departs Hotel | |
| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. | Gathering & Entertainment | |
| 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. | Prayer & General Session IV | |
| 10:45 a.m 5:00 | Interactive Exhibit Hall Open | |
| p.m. | | |
| 11:00 a.m 5:00 | Chapel Open | |
| p.m. | | |
| 11:30 a.m 12:45 | Breakout Sessions – Round D | |
| p.m. | | |
| 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Reconciliation Available | |
| Varies by Group | Lunch | |
| 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions – Round E | |
| 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. | Breakout Sessions – Round F | |
| Varies by Group | Dinner | |
| 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. | Gathering & Entertainment | |
| 7:45 - 10:00 p.m. | Closing Mass | |
| 10:30 p.m. | Depart for Diocese of Rochester | |

| Sunday, November 19 | | |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Arrive in Diocese of Rochester | |
| (Exact time TBD) | | |

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