



- NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones.
- NCYC dates to 1983 when it started as a regional conference. It is now the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale. NCYC is offered every year, alternating between Indianapolis, Indiana and Long Beach, California. NCYC 2024 is Long Beach and NCYC 2025, as you can see, is in Indianapolis.



NCYC IN 3 MINUTES



Why NCYC?



1
Catholic high school youth gather on a national level!

2
Youth learn more about themselves, their relationship with God, and the Catholic Church!

3
Youth recognize their role in the life of the Catholic Church.

- Young people are exposed to aspects of their faith that maybe they have not been exposed to.
- Pilgrims get to expand their community of support/meet new fellow disciples.

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ELEMENTS OF NCYC



NATIONAL SPEAKERS

Past Presenters

- Katie Prejean McGrady
- PJ Anderson
- Rhyan Ramirez (Bro Rhy)
- Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN
- Steve Angrisano
- ValLimar Jansen



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Past Topics

- Gift and Grit: How Heroic Virtue Can Change Your Life and Relationships
- Higher, Further, Faster: Elevating Our Pro-life Activism
- Navigating Stress, Social Media, and Fostering Long-Term Healthy Friendships
- Civil Dialogue: Crafting Healthy Conversations about Faith and the World
- Made for This Moment: Embracing Mental Health & Faith-Based Solutions
- Knowing Christ, Knowing Yourself

- These are some of the breakout session topics from NCYC 2023 last November.
- Messages shared by the national speakers in the keynote sessions and breakout sessions are truly relevant to young people's lived experience.
- They get to unpack what they have heard with their peers.



INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT HALL

Past Exhibits/Service Opportunities

- Hands Across Haiti- Decorate t-shirts and bags for Haiti
- Indy Care Creation- Build raised flower beds from pallets
- Catholic Charities- Create cards and lunch bags
- Pack Away Hunger- Packing meals for people in need

- There is an abundance of opportunities for young people to put their faith into action in a portion of the conference space.
- The space is full of interactive service projects and exhibits that represent everything Catholic. Think of it as a huge Catholic fair for teens.
- These are some of the opportunities from NCYC 2023.



PRAYER/SACRAMENTAL EXPERIENCES

Past Prayer/Sacramental Opportunities

- Confession
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Mass
- Recitation of the Holy Rosary

- Even though there is a lot of energy at NCYC, there are many opportunities for young people just to rest in the presence of the Lord!
- I have never seen a line that long for the Sacrament of Confession and yes, the line is mostly made up of young people!



Here are some words from two of our NCYC 2023 pilgrims about the experience.

I have never felt closer to God, it was incredible! Probably my favorite experience was adoration. It was very powerful being surrounded by so many like-minded teens, who you could joke around with and have fun with during the day and were completely different people in that moment, everyone in awe and some people crying, it was so reassuring to see so many teens feeling like me, truly enjoying adoration because they also knew how much it meant. Bishop Joseph Espaillat really knew how to make everyone feel SO connected to God and so comfortable and willing to express it through singing and kneeling and from the people I talked to, we agreed it was not like any other adoration we had experienced, this felt like true worship and prayer on another level.

LIAM, NCYC 2023 YOUTH PILGRIM
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER



I loved seeing everyone live out the JOY of their faith. It was evident in the smiles, the excitement to be there, try new things, and grow, and the anticipation of sharing the love of God with people at home. What a blessing to be loved and to be able to share it, and to have NCYC empower us to do so!

JESSICA, NCYC 2023 ADULT LEADER
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER







INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER, LUCAS OIL STADIUM & ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

- All of these venues are conveniently located right next to each other.
- Keynote sessions and the massive closing Mass at the end of the conference take place in Lucas Oil Stadium (Home of the Indianapolis Colts). All other conference opportunities take place in the convention center.
- St. John the Evangelist is not an official conference venue, but the church works with conference organizers to open its doors to NCYC pilgrims for additional Mass and prayer opportunities.



TRANSPORTATION


- We travel to/from the conference via bus.
- We work with Anderson Coach & Travel out of Greenville, PA, a company that we have worked with for many years.
- Their staff is great to work with. They have drivers that continually request to drive for us when we go to the conference.
- Buses depart from several locations on the afternoon (2:00-5:00 p.m.) prior to the start of the conference. In the case of NCYC 2025, this would be Wednesday, November 19.
- Departure locations will depend on parishes are grouped on the buses and may require a short drive from where your parish is located.

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- Conference organizers work with major hotel brands to reserve rooms at hotels in Indianapolis, many of which are within walking distance of the conference venues.
- Our office will complete the process to be assigned a hotel later this fall/early 2025.

THURSDAY, November 20

Typical Schedule

8:00 A.M. - Noon	12:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.	10:00 P.M. - Midnight
 Breakfast	 Interactive Exhibit Hall	 Prayer & Share
 Diocesan Welcome Gathering	 Eucharistic Procession	 Settle into rooms for the night.
 Diocesan/Regional Opening Mass	 Parish Dinners	 Midnight Curfew
	 Opening Session Lucas Oil Stadium	

- Here is an idea of what the schedule for the first day of the conference might look like.
- We hope to have either a diocesan Mass or New York State regional Mass during the conference. In 2023, we were blessed to celebrate Mass as a diocesan delegation at St. John the Evangelist, which we hadn't done before.

Breakfast	Interactive Exhibit Hall	Group Processing (Prayer & Share)	Keynote Talks
Breakout Sessions	Daily Mass & Reconciliation	Parish Lunch & Dinner	Eucharistic Adoration

FRIDAY, November 21
Typical Schedule (8:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.)

- Friday is the first full day of conference activities

SATURDAY, November 22

Typical Schedule (8:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.)

- Breakfast
- Parish Lunch & Dinner
- Interactive Exhibit Hall
- Daily Mass/Reconciliation available
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Group Processing (Prayer & Share)
- Closing Liturgy
- Depart for Return to Diocese of Rochester

- Saturday is the last day at the conference and the longest day.

NCYC 2025 FAQ's

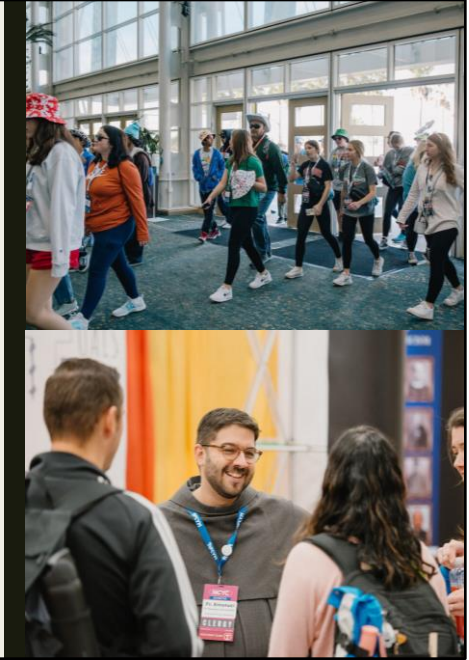
- **Who can attend NCYC?**
 - *(NCYC) is open to all high school aged youth and their adult chaperones.*
- **How many people attend NCYC?**
 - *In 2023, there were 12,071 attendees, 242 priests and deacons, 22 bishops, and 130 exhibitors.*
- **What is included in the NCYC pilgrimage package?**
 - *The package will include the official NCYC Registration Fee, hotel, breakfast, diocesan swag, bus transportation to/from the conference, and more.*
- **Is there financial assistance for NCYC?**
 - *Financial assistance is available through the Diocese and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), the organizers of NCYC. Parishes also conduct fundraising to defray some of the costs.*



- Make sure to include any current 8th graders in your NCYC conversations. They will be 9th graders in November 2025.

Finances Broken Down

Early Bird Registration Deposit	December 31, 2024	\$ 350 Per Person
Regular Registration Deposit	March 31, 2025	\$ 350 Per Person
Late Registration Deposit	June 1, 2025	\$ 350 Per Person
1 st Payment (All Registrations)	June 1, 2025	\$ 450 Per Person
2 nd Payment (All Registrations)	August 1, 2025	\$ 450 Per Person
Registration Fees	August 1, 2025	Varies by Parish
TOTAL COST	Early Bird Rate (Nov. 18-Dec. 31, 2024)	\$1,250.00
TOTAL COST	Regular Rate (Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 2025)	\$1,300.00
TOTAL COST	Late Rate (Apr. 1-June 1, 2025)	\$1,350.00



- There are three registration periods.
- The first registration period has the lowest cost for the pilgrimage.
- The total cost for the pilgrimage is broken down into a non-refundable deposit and two payments.
- We may not get to all registration periods as we limit the number of pilgrimage spaces.
- If all spaces are full, we will utilize a waitlist.



Finances Broken Down

- Financial assistance is available through the Diocese and NFCYM.
 - *Each pilgrim who applied for financial assistance through the Diocese for NCYC 2023 received **50% OR MORE** of the amount requested.*
- Parishes also conduct fundraising to defray some of the costs.
 - *Office of Evangelization & Catechesis provides guidance on how to conduct successful fundraising that is in line with diocesan policies.*

- The process to apply for diocesan financial assistance is very easy and pilgrims have plenty of time to complete the necessary steps to be considered for it.
- For NCYC 2023, only 8% of our young people applied for diocesan financial assistance. The Bishop Clark Youth Advocacy Fund can help support more youth pilgrims than it did in 2023.
- Please make sure to have a conversation with your finance director and pastor as you begin planning fundraising efforts. How we approach financially supporting and fundraising for opportunities like NCYC has changed in recent years, so these conversations are important!



Planning Timeline

- Parish Registration- Nov. 18, 2024 – Jun. 1, 2025
- NFCYM Announces NCYC General Session Speakers- Feb. 15, 2025 (Approx.)
- DOR Scholarship Form Due- April 20, 2025
- NFCYM Begins Announcing NCYC Breakout Session Topics and Speakers- May 15, 2025 (Approx.)
- NCYC Pilgrim Registration Form Due- Jun. 1, 2025
- Rooming Form Due- Jun. 1, 2025
- DOR Medical Release Form Due- June 1, 2025
- NFCYM Announces NCYC Interactive Exhibit Hall Service Projects- Sept. 15, 2025 (Approx.)
- CASE/Background Check Form Due- Oct. 1, 2025
- NFCYM/NCYC Form for Both Youth and Adults Due- Nov. 1, 2025



**FIND MORE INFORMATION &
RESOURCES ON OUR NCYC 2025
PORTAL!**

<https://oec.dor.org/youth-ministry/ncyc/2025portal/>

- We will be adding more information and resources to the portal over the next few weeks in anticipation of registration opening in November.



UNTIL NCYC 2025... Youth LEAD Weekend

Youth LEAD (Leadership Evangelization And Discipleship) is a weekend leadership retreat experience for high school youth (grades 9-12) sponsored by the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis. The experience shares practical skills and a clear vision of leadership that allows youth to follow the call of our Church to be the Body of Christ in the world.

2024 Youth LEAD Weekend | November 8-11
Camp Stella Maris
Livonia, New York

<https://oec.dor.org/youth-ministry/youth-lead/>