



NCYC 2017

November 16-19
Indianapolis, IN

What is the National Catholic Youth Conference?

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 chaperones. More than 23,000 young people and their chaperones attended NCYC 2015 in Indianapolis. The 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference is November 16-18, back in Indianapolis, with the theme *Called/Llamados*. NCYC is organized by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM).



The program includes keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, Mass, 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.

How can we attend NCYC?

Individual parishes attend NCYC through their dioceses. Each parish designates a NCYC leader to help organize the youth and families in the parish. The parish NCYC leader serves as a liaison to the diocesan delegation leader. The diocese collects all registration forms and payments from the parish and submits them to NFCYM. The diocese arranges all transportation, lodging, payment and registration needs for the event.

How much does it cost?

The cost has been set at **\$550 per person**. This will cover transportation, lodging, conference registration, and Diocesan t-shirts and traders. It will not include any meals such as continental breakfast or driver/housekeeper tips. This price is slightly higher than 2 years ago given the higher cost of our hotel accommodations and increased NCYC registration fees.

Parishes may choose to ask participants to pay more than what the diocese requires to cover additional needs/costs (meals, souvenirs, t-shirts, etc). Most parishes raise money to offset the cost of attending. Scholarships for NCYC are also available through the Catholic Youth Foundation USA. These scholarships are given to parishes not individuals, and the parish distributes the money as needed.

How do we get there and where do we stay?

The diocese will arrange for coach bus transportation to and from Indianapolis. Busses will pick up groups at designated locations in the north, central, and southern part of the diocese depending on need. Busses leave EARLY Thursday morning the 16th and will return late afternoon on Sunday the 19th. Participants will arrive at our hotel in Indianapolis on Thursday to register, check into their room, and receive an orientation to the weekend. Our busses will provide transportation to and from the hotel and the conference center. Participants are free to explore the conference at their leisure during the days.



We have been assigned the **Omni Severin Hotel** located at 40 W. Jackson Place, Indianapolis, IN 46225 (317-369-3648). The Omni is located in downtown Indianapolis only a short walk from the conference center and Lucas Oil Stadium. There will be 4 youth to a room. Youth will be assigned a room according to parish and gender. Adults will sleep 2 to a room, with single rooms reserved for married couples and clergy chaperones. The youth/chaperone ratio is 1:8, and chaperones must be 25 years of age or older and VIRTUS certified.

What are our next steps?

1. Designate an individual or team to serve as your NCYC parish leaders.
2. Host an information session for youth and families.
3. Begin to raise money to assist with the cost of attending.
4. Distribute and collect all forms required by both the diocese and NCYC. These forms are available on our diocesan NCYC webpage.
5. Collect forms payment:
 - a. All forms and a \$100/person nonrefundable deposit are due to the diocese by **Monday, May 17th**.
 - b. Final payment is due to the diocese by **Friday, April 17th**.



Who do I contact for questions?

For general questions or information, please contact your NCYC parish leader first.

Additional inquiries can be directed to Mr. Jose Lopez, Diocesan Events Coordinator and NCYC Diocesan Delegation Leader, at 573-635-9127 x221 or jlopez@diojeffcity.org.

You may also contact John DeLaporte, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 573-635-9127 x233 or jdelaporte@diojeffcity.org.