

**National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)  
November 17-21, 2021  
Information Sheet**

- **What is the National Catholic Youth Conference?**
  - It is the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the United States. Young people from all over the USA come to this huge event. Participants get to experience the church unlike anything they have ever experienced before - Liturgy with 25,000 youth - Cardinals, Bishops, and hundreds of priests. (This is usually a highlight for most) Great music and concerts, moving keynotes, challenging workshops, opportunities for adoration and reconciliation, interactive theme park (exhibit hall)- it is a non-stop event from the beginning to the end. Come experience the “Young Church” like you never have before!
  - **When:** Conference is November 18-20, 2021. Travel will be Nov. 17-21, 2020.
  - **Where:** Indianapolis, IN
  
- **NCYC 2019 Promo Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQ6bli2Cq14>
  - **A message from the Pope to NCYC attendees in 2019:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjiz\\_nRHQco](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjiz_nRHQco)
  
- **Why are we talking about this now?**
  - Because of the scope of a trip of this nature we need to reserve spots with our diocese, flights, and, most importantly, begin fundraising as much of this cost as possible. After our deposit is due, the payments following will be due in the spring and flight information needs to be booked early as well. I start watching airline rates in January.
  
- **Details**
  - **Lodging** – At this point we do not know which hotel we will be assigned to. Because the Conference organizers mandate that each parish registers with their Diocese, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry organizes lodging based on a lottery system. Our Diocesan Director, Jerry White, is a great guy who knows the best way of doing things for these conferences. He does his best to request a hotel close to the convention center, and usually smaller (so there are not hundreds or even a thousand teenagers taking over one hotel)! We should know our hotel assignment by the last spring of 2021. He is requesting the Embassy Suites Downtown, the Hyatt Downtown and/or the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis – which has an enclosed walkway straight to the convention center!
  - **Travel** -- Assuming we are assigned a hotel within walking distance of the Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium (where the general sessions are held), the Students and Core Members/Chaperones attending the conference will fly out of either Hilton Head, Savannah or Charleston to Indianapolis on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021 and return on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2021. When we arrive in Indiana, we will meet up with the rest of our Diocese. If we are assigned a hotel further away then we will research the cost of a bus that will be with us for the week.
  - **Meals** – Breakfast will be at the hotel. Lunches will be eaten in small groups (SGG groups w/ chaperones). There is a food court close to the Convention center and we can usually get in and out of there quickly. For Dinner – the Diocese typically plans one

dinner together (Wednesday evening), then Thurs. – Sat. dinners will be included in the total cost.

- **Exhibit Hall** – There is an exhibit hall with over 300 exhibitors on display selling t-shirts, CD's, memorabilia, etc. So please keep that in mind. There will be specified times when the exhibit hall is open each day.
- **Cost**
  - Estimated Total Cost of the Event – Plan on \$900-\$1000 before any fundraising takes place. W/o having the exact flights or hotel we can only estimate based on previous years. I can control flights and will weigh cost vs. efficiency and make the most reasonable decision. *Plan on missing school for that Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday*
- **Registration** –
  - Registration is open to any active member of the SGG Youth Ministry who will be in High School in the 2019-2020 school year.
    - Students must remain active as we prepare for our pilgrimage.
  - Behavior – I have never taken a group to NCYC that has had any behavior problems. Our group has some of the strictest rules (I'm upfront about that) but I also guarantee that we have some of the most fun (while remaining respectful and safe).
    - If a student breaks a rule and it is determined by the Youth Minister that they need to be removed from the event, they will be sent home on the earliest flight available at the family's expense.
      - A more detailed list of rules/behavior expectations will be available by May 2021 to be signed by students and parents and returned with final paperwork.
  - To confirm your spot- you must place a \$250 deposit (nonrefundable – unless an extreme circumstance arises) and turn in permission form. This is due by Jan. 10, 2021. If it is a problem getting the deposit together in this short time, please let me know!
  - There will be a payment schedule given out prior to the end of the year. All balances will be due by Oct. 1, 2021.