

Planning in a Pandemic

News reports about COVID-19 are everywhere. We at the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) join our prayers with yours for the development and deployment of improved treatment and prevention protocols and for the eventual eradication of this virus that has affected so many in very profound ways. Despite the period in which we currently find ourselves, NFCYM continues to move forward in a spirit of optimism with plans for an in-person National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 18-20, 2021, in Indianapolis.

Over the coming year, NFCYM will be working closely with officials of the city of Indianapolis and the Marion County, Indiana, health department to develop virus mitigation and response plans specifically for NCYC. Only with their approval will NFCYM open the doors to the 2021 NCYC. If you have previously participated, the 2021 NCYC will look and operate a little differently. What should be unmistakable in the experience is our commitment to the NCYC mission: to provide a distinctly Catholic environment in which participants are invited to encounter Christ, experience Church, and be empowered for discipleship.

To this end, the NCYC project team is currently reviewing every plan made to date to ensure it still resonates amid this pandemic and all the conflicting emotions and changed realities that have come along with it. More detailed program information will be posted as it becomes available.

Please direct specific questions to info@ncyc.info.

NCYC 2021 FAQs

1. What is NCYC? What Happens?

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 2019 NCYC in Indianapolis. 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.

2. Trip at a Glance

Conference Theme: *Ablaze / Enciende el Fuego*

Conference dates: November 18-20, 2021

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Hotel: TBD

Cost: Please see “Registration Details” page for more information.

2. Who Can Go to NCYC 2021?

Youth: Any young person who is in grade 9-12 in the 2021-2022 school year may attend NCYC. Participants may not go individually, they must register through a parish delegation with a group leader who can be either paid or volunteer. This ensures that leaders know who is going from their parish and that proper leadership and supervision are given. If you decide to lead a group, please check with surrounding parishes where groups are not being organized to see if other youth wish to attend.

Chaperones: Chaperones must be 21 years or older. NFCYM requires that there be 2 chaperones for the first 1 to 10 young people. Another adult is required for each 1 to 6 additional youth. For example, this means that a group of 8 youth must be chaperoned by 2 adults, 12 youth by 3 adults, and 17 youth by 4 adults.

Young Adult Assistants: Young Adult Assistants (YAAs), those age 18-20 and finished with high school, are able to attend NCYC. Some things to consider:

- There cannot be more YAAs than chaperones in any group
- YAAs are present to “shadow” a chaperone and assist when necessary
- YAAs cannot stay in youth rooms

3. Are there scholarships available?

Scholarships are available from both the Diocesan Youth Office as well as Catholic Youth Foundation USA (CYFUSA).

4. How will we get there?

Transportation will be determined by you as the Group Leader. If you are interested in traveling on the diocesan bus, you will mark that on your registration form. The cost is TBD. You may choose to travel on the buses or arrange your own transportation (vans, planes, etc.) If you decide to rent cars or vans, please check the diocesan policy!

5. Can my youth volunteer at NCYC?

Absolutely – NFCYM says we will need over 1,000 volunteers to put on this event. There are two ways youth can get involved. Information about both will come out at a later date.

Youth Animator

Animators take lead roles in general session programming at NCYC as prayer leaders. These are the youth you see on stage leading prayer and worship during the conference.

Youth Ambassador

Ambassadors assist at the conference in many ways including introducing speakers and helping with break-out sessions.

6. How do I register a group?

Every parish group needs to have a group leader who will be the contact person between the group and the diocese. This person may be paid or volunteer. The Group Leader should be the spiritual and organizational head of the group. This includes not only collecting forms, payments, etc. but also - and more importantly – ensuring that both youth and adults are spiritually prepared through prayer, worship, community and service.

If you know youth at a parish are interested in attending but there are no adults who are able or comfortable in planning the event, contact Katie Daughtrey. She will work to put your parish in touch with a parish near you who is planning on taking a team. We want as many youth to attend as possible.

Here are some important things to know before you begin to tackle the forms:

1. Know who is going from your parish
 - If the person is a chaperone, make sure that he/she has completed a VIRTUS certification training. Dates and locations of VIRTUS courses can be found at www.virtus.org. They must also have a clear background check (done by your parish) and have signed the Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM).
2. Think about the logistics of your trip, fundraising, transportation, etc...
3. See the “Registration Details and Deadlines” page for information on how to register your group and the forms required.

7. How do I find more information?

For registration, scholarship, and other diocesan forms, go to: <https://kcsjyouth.org/ncyc-2/>

To see everything in the official NCYC promo packet, go to: <http://ncyc.info>

If you have any questions about NCYC 2021, please contact a member of the planning team.

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Registration Details and Deadlines

Registration is a multi-stage process.

Step 1: Group Registration. Visit our website - <https://kcsjyouth.org/ncyc-2/> - to fill out the group registration form. If you need to update this form, please contact Katie at kcsjyouthreg@gmail.com. This form needs to be completed by September 15, 2021 (There are discounts if you fill it out early! See the Early Bird Registration below for details)

Step 2: Individual Registration - Send your youth and adult participants to our website to fill out the online registration - <https://kcsjyouth.org/ncyc/>. This form must be filled out by your participants / their parents. This form must be completed by September 15, 2021. You will receive a copy of the information submitted when anyone selects your parish.

Step 3: Liability Waivers. These will be not be available for download until closer to the event. This form does not need to be notarized.

Important Dates

May (exact date TBA) - Scholarship applications due (both CYFUSA and Diocesan)

May 1 - July 17 - Early Bird Registration

Group Registration Due

\$100 / person deposit due

July 17 - August 17 - Regular Registration

Group Registration Due

Individual Registration Due

Full amount due

August 17 - September 16 - Late Registration

Group Registration Due

Individual Registration Due

Full Amount Due

September 16 - November 17 - Last Minute Registration

November 17 - Virtual option registration due

TBD

Hotel Rooming list due

Liability waivers due

Virtus confirmation due

Registration Options

IN PERSON OPTIONS

Early Bird Registration

- **Timeline:** May 1 - July 17
- **What's Due:** Group Registration, Individual Registrations, Full amount Due
- **Total cost per person:** \$225

Regular Registration

- **Timeline:** July 17 - August 17
- **What's Due:** Group Registration, Individual Registrations, Full amount Due
- **Total cost per person:** \$235

Late Registration

- **Timeline:** August 17 - September 16
- **What's Due:** Group Registration, Individual Registrations, Full amount due.
- **Total cost per person:** \$250
- Substitutions allowed at \$20 each.
- Cancellations of regular registrations allowed - you will be refunded all minus a \$40 fee.

Last Minute Registration

- **Timeline:** September 16 - November 17
- **What's Due:** Group Registration, Individual Registrations, Full amount due.
- **Total cost per person:** \$250
- Additions are only allowed if you can fit them in your current hotel block - hotel rooms cannot be added.

Additional Costs

- **Hotel:** Cost TBD. Staying at the hotel is a required part of the conference. Maximum number of 4 people per room.
- **Bus:** Cost TBD. Not required, but we offer as an option to save you the effort of planning transportation.

VIRTUAL OPTIONS

Virtual Participation Tickets

- The participation ticket includes links to view the general sessions and break out sessions as well as questions for reflection / group discussion, activity and prayer ideas, and exclusive online content.
- Cost is determined by group size.
 - 1-24 participants - \$75/person
 - 25-99 participants - \$70/person
 - 100-249 participants - \$65/person
 - 250+ participants - \$50/person

Streaming only Tickets

- There is an option to view the stream of general sessions ONLY.
- Cost: \$25/person