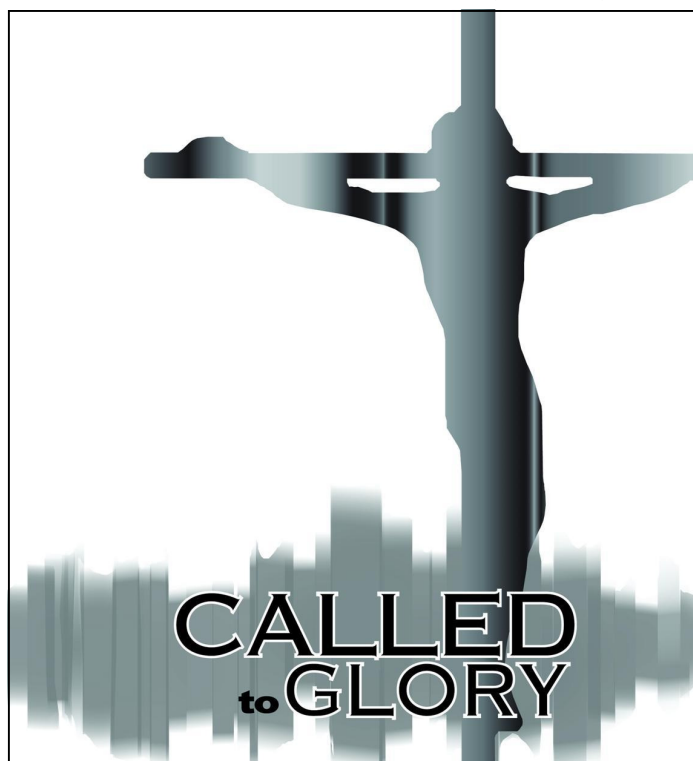


The Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry invites
parishes and schools in the Diocese of Buffalo to the

2011 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE



**IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 17-19, 2011**

Celebrate faith with more than 20,000 Catholic youth!

"If I could use only one word to describe NCYC, it would be "incredible." The moments that stuck out the most for me, however, were adoration and the procession that followed. The sight of over 20,000 people filling the streets of Kansas City during the procession filled me with awe. I am not afraid to share my faith with others, I am proud to be Catholic, and I know that I am a different person because of NCYC."

NCYC 2009 Youth Participant from the Diocese of Buffalo

What is NCYC?

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes keynote addresses, concurrent and workshop sessions addressing a wide variety of topics. There are also daily opportunities for liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, recreation and special activities such as concerts, exhibits, and the interactive thematic park.

Find out more about this amazing experience . . .

Look inside!



Want to know more about NCYC? Then read on!

Who attends NCYC?

Youth

Over 20,000 Catholic youth are expected to attend NCYC 2011! NCYC is open to high school age young people and their chaperones. Most participants are Catholic. Many youth participants are leaders in their local parishes, schools and/or diocese, though many are just beginning to connect to their faith. Some attendees may have participated in previous national or international events such as the World Youth Day. Many are experiencing this type of gathering for the first time.

Chaperones

Youth participants must be accompanied by adult chaperones from their parish or school. Groups must provide **at least one (1) adult chaperone for every six (6) youth**. NFCYM requires that adult chaperones be 21 years or older. Those young people who are out of high school but not yet 21 years old may attend with the parish group as junior advisors. These individuals will register at the adult participant price and will assist with chaperoning, but cannot be considered in the ratio of one adult to six youth participants.

When?

The 2011 NCYC officially starts at 8:00 P.M. on **Thursday, November 17**, and ends at 11 P.M. following Mass on **Saturday, November 19**. "Unofficially" the thematic park opens at 11:30 P.M. on Thursday.

Where?

The 2011 NCYC will take place in **Indianapolis, Indiana** at the **Indiana Convention Center**. The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will work with NFCYM to arrange hotel accommodations in the Indianapolis area for our diocesan delegation. The exact hotel and its location will be determined this spring.

Why attend NCYC?

Youth and adult participants attend the NCYC because they want to:

- Gather on a national level
- Learn more about themselves and their relationship to the Catholic Church
- Celebrate their Catholic Christian faith
- Meet thousands of other Catholic youth
- Share beliefs and experiences
- Recognize their role in the larger Catholic Church

"Activities that involve taking extended time away from the parish create special moments for ministry to and with young people. These include events such as diocesan and national conferences. Not only participation in the event itself, but also the travel time lead to these benefits: Young people feel pride and enthusiasm in being Catholic; Young people are awestruck by the larger sense of Church and the large number of Catholic youth they are connected with across the nation."

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Who sponsors NCYC?

The **National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)** sponsors NCYC. Located in Washington, D.C., and led by an energetic and creative national staff, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is a membership organization working on behalf of youth and diocesan youth ministry leadership across the country and on U.S. military bases in Europe. Members include ninety-four percent of all Catholic dioceses, the National Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts and Camp Fire, and fifty youth-serving organizations.

The **Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Buffalo** sponsors our diocesan pilgrimage to NCYC 2011.

Theme

The overall theme of the 2011 NCYC is **Called to Glory**. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne." (*Matthew 25:31*)

Each general session has its own particular sub-theme with scriptural reference:

- ◆ Friday morning: *Search for Christ* (Deuteronomy 4: 29)
- ◆ Friday evening: *Connect with Christ* (Luke 19: 45-48)
- ◆ Saturday morning: *Share Christ* (1 Peter 3:15)
- ◆ Closing Liturgy: *Be Church* (Matthew 25:31-46)

Thematic Park

The thematic park is an interactive venue featuring College Corner, Vocations Corner, arts and crafts activities, service projects, sports, games, music, and exhibits from Catholic and secular companies, organizations, and colleges.

Cost

The price for this weekend conference is **\$695 per person**. This package includes:

- ◆ NCYC conference registration fee
- ◆ Hotel accommodations for 3 nights
- ◆ Round trip motorcoach transportation and transfers within Indianapolis
- ◆ New York State Youth Ministry Region T-shirt

Raising Funds

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an excellent opportunity for each parish or school to show their support for young people. Many parishes may have special collections during a celebration and blessing of all youth and young adults in the parish. Parish and school organizations and societies can be invited and encouraged to sponsor those who wish to attend this unique event. The young people making the trip can also sponsor fundraising activities. The Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry can provide suggestions. The cost of the trip should be divided among the parish or school, its societies and organizations, and the young people who make the trip.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available through the Catholic Youth Foundation (CYF) USA. A limited amount of financial aid may be available from the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for those with demonstrated need. **Scholarship applications will be due on May 2, 2011.** For information about scholarships, contact Denise York at 716-652-6400 or Jennifer Belock at 716-847-8789.

Registration

Each parish or school that wants to attend NCYC 2011 must register through the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. A Parish/School Registration Form is on the back of this packet. **This form and deposits are due to the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on Thursday, March 31, 2011.** (This early registration date reserves space for your group and helps the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry plan the appropriate amount of bus and hotel space.) **Parish/School Registration Forms must be accompanied by non-refundable deposits of \$100 per person.** Parishes must submit a list of participants by this date; however, substitutions will be allowed through fall 2011. See Registration Policies on reverse side for more details about registration and payments.

Questions?

Contact Denise York at 716-652-6400 or iceayouth@gmail.com or Jennifer Belock at 716-847-8789 or jbelock@buffalodiocese.org. Conference information will be available at www.nfcym.org.

Registration Policies

Each parish or school group must designate one adult over age 21 as the **Group Leader**. This person will accompany the group to NCYC and will coordinate all arrangements with the diocese for your parish or school.

Deadlines & Payments

- ◆ Please comply with the following Payment Schedule:
 - March 31, 2011 Parish/School Registration Form & \$100 deposit per person
 - May 31, 2011 Payment of \$200 per person
 - July 31, 2011 Payment of \$200 per person
 - September 15, 2011 Payment of \$195 per person
- ◆ When submitting payments, one check per group is preferred.
- ◆ Checks should be payable to: Diocese of Buffalo.

Additions

- ◆ All requests to add participants to your group must be submitted in writing and signed by the Group Leader.
- ◆ Groups may add participants for no additional charge until September 15, 2011 if space is available.
- ◆ After September 15, 2011, new participants will be charged an additional \$50 and will only be accepted if space is available.

Substitutions

- ◆ All requests to substitute participants within your group must be submitted in writing and signed by the Group Leader.
- ◆ Substitutions within your group may be made with no restrictions for no additional charge until September 15, 2011.
- ◆ Any substitutions after September 15, 2011 must be same type (youth or adult/JA) and same gender, and will be charged an additional \$50.

Cancellations

- ◆ All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing and signed by the Group Leader.
- ◆ All cancellations at any time will automatically forfeit the \$100 non-refundable deposit.
- ◆ Additional cancellation penalties may apply, depending on the date and number of cancellations. Please contact Denise York at 716-652-6400 or Jennifer Belock at 716-847-8789 to inquire about additional cancellation penalties.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration Policies are subject to change as we receive additional information and deadlines from NFCYM, our hotel and bus company. Group Leaders will receive written notice of any changes in these policies.

2011 National Catholic Youth Conference

Parish /School Registration Form

Parish/School _____ Location _____

Group Leader _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Number of Youth _____ Number of Adults _____ Number of Junior Advisors _____

Total # of NCYC Participants _____ x \$100.00 non-refundable deposit per person = \$_____ Enclosed

Please attach a separate sheet that lists the name of each NCYC participant and type (Youth/Adult/JA).

Please make check (one check per group, if possible) payable to: Diocese of Buffalo

Mail registration form and check to: Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203.