



National Catholic Youth Conference November 16-18, 2023 Indianapolis, Indiana

What is NCYC? The National Catholic Youth Conference or NCYC is a gathering of high school teens and their chaperones. NCYC is held every two years and this year will be held November 16-18 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Thousands of teens from all over the United States gather for this inspiring and life changing event. Teens who have attended NCYC in the past rave about it and keep returning year after year. This incredibly fun, powerful, and prayer-filled event is held in Indianapolis, IN, and includes guest speakers and motivational leaders who empower teens to take ownership of their faith. Friday and Saturday morning sessions begin with song and celebration in the stadium, followed by keynote speakers and presenters. From there, teens and leaders will have opportunities each day to attend two to three seminars on topics that range from Catholic pride, seeing God in our everyday lives, or taking more active roles in parish life to mentoring other teens through tough times in life and pressures of dating. We'll also attend events like the Catholic comedy troop or Christian rock concerts.

Saturday afternoon will present us with a mammoth amount of exhibitions and displays open for our viewing and shopping pleasure, including various booths where popular Christian artists will be available for us to meet. There will be large group games and service activities. Saturday night will conclude with everyone celebrating Mass with over 300 bishops, priests, and deacons from across our country.

Who can come? All teens who will be in high school in November 2023 can attend.

What is the cost?

Deposit (non-refundable—due with registration) **\$200**

NCYC conference fee is **\$730*** which we plan to cover with sponsorships and fundraising. The final cost is up to you! Your price can be reduced by participation in fundraising activities. You could raise enough funds to cover the entire cost of the trip. (See final page for fundraising policy.)

*This includes:

- NCYC Conference Registration
- Hotel costs for 3 nights including breakfast
- Transportation to Indianapolis

We will be staying at the Westin in downtown Indianapolis, which is connected to the convention center, so we will be very close to all the activities.

What other costs are there? Breakfast is provided each day at the hotel and teens will be encouraged to eat breakfast every morning. We are on our own for the rest of the meals. Everyone will need to bring additional money to cover meals and snacks. We also suggest bringing additional money for souvenirs (t-shirts, jewelry, books, etc).

Fundraising:

Fundraising events will be scheduled to help defray the cost of the event. See the attached fundraising policy.

Registration will close Friday, September 8.**Registration must include:**

- \$200 deposit payment
- St. Hubert Youth Ministry Fundraising Policy (signed by teen & parent)
- Parental Information/Release Form (signed by parent)
- copy of health insurance card
- Archdiocesan Participant Agreement Form (see website for form)

SS. Matthew & Hubert Youth Ministry Fundraising Policy

The youth of SS. Matthew & Hubert Parish have various opportunities each year to participate in gatherings, mission trips, and retreats that further the mission and vision of the youth ministry program. Some of these trips can cost hundreds of dollars, making the cost factor prohibitive for many youth and their families. We work to provide fundraisers in order for the youth to raise money to help offset these trip costs. The following policy is designed to enable youth and their families to take responsibility in the raising of funds for the events in which they will participate.

Financial Responsibility

Registration for the event occurs with payment of a non-refundable deposit. When a youth registers for an event, they will have a clear estimate of how much their financial responsibility for the trip will be. Beyond the deposit, the youth and their families have a financial responsibility to pay for or raise funds to cover the cost of the rest of their trip. If a youth becomes unable to attend an event and drops out at any point before the paid in full deadline, the family is financially responsible for any contractual costs incurred by the church on behalf of the student. This includes early booking of travel or lodging, non-refundable deposits to the sponsoring organization, or contractual obligations to cover the cost for the student. This financial obligation may be as much as the total cost for the trip. In the event that another youth is able to take the youth's place on the trip, any payment beyond the non-refundable deposit may be refunded.

Guidelines for Distribution of Funds

Each youth will have an account established and maintained by the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at SS. Matthew & Hubert Church. Deposits into the account will be made through participation in fundraisers. Funds for individual accounts are raised by participating in the actual fundraising event. An hourly wage will be determined for the number of hours worked by each youth. In the event that a student is unable to work an event, one parent may work and earn money for their son or daughter's individual account. A parent may also earn money for their teen's account by volunteering to coordinate all or part of a fundraising event.

SS. Matthew & Hubert Youth Ministry will provide fundraising opportunities to support each event. Additional fundraising opportunities may also be suggested at any point.

The church will provide the opportunities for the youth to raise funds, but this policy puts the responsibility for the success of the fundraisers upon the participation from the youth and their families. The Youth Ministry coordinator reserves the right to cancel a fundraising event if a coordinator or volunteers for the event aren't found.

I have read and understand the youth ministry fundraising policy. By signing below I understand our family's financial responsibilities for participating in youth ministry events.

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

St. Hubert Parental Information/Release Form

Teen's Name _____

High School _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

Teen's email _____ Teen's cell phone _____

Is texting allowed? Y N

Sweatshirt size _____

Parents' names _____

Parents' cell phones _____

Parents' email _____

We(I) give permission for our (my) child to attend and participate in the National Catholic Youth Conference sponsored by SS. Matthew & Hubert Parish, November 16-18, 2023. I hereby release and indemnify the Archdiocese of Chicago, SS. Matthew & Hubert Parish for this event, its staff and volunteers; and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in the program. I understand that if my child violates any laws regarding possession of alcohol or drugs, or rules governing the event, I will be called and notified about the situation and/or arrangements made to send my child home at my expense.

In the event that the undersigned cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the responsible adults or other appropriate staff members accompanying the group, if there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, I hereby authorize any of the foresaid personnel to obtain for my child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

I grant permission for the adult chaperones to administer non-prescription drugs as needed for my teen (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, antacids, etc.) _____ YES _____ NO

In case of emergency, if a parent cannot be reached, contact:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Cellphone _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Please attach a copy of both sides of your health insurance card.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Allergies _____ Current meds _____

Other _____

Comments _____

_____ I give permission for photos/videos to be taken of my child during this event, and for those photos to be used for parish communications.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____