



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Dear Parish NCYC Coordinator,

I am inviting you, your high school youth, and adults from your parish(es) who work with youth, to join us at an exciting four-day national event this November.

This event is known as the National Catholic Youth Conference or NCYC. NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry for youth in grades 9-12. It is held annually in late fall of odd-numbered years in Indianapolis and even-numbered years on the west coast. The next NCYC, **“Fully Alive,”** is November 16-18, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Approximately 22,000 youth and adults gathered in 2019 and 12,000 in 2021 as we came out of the pandemic. Youth and adults gathered with several United States Bishops to celebrate being Catholic. Participants in previous years enjoyed Mass, prayer services, reconciliation and adoration opportunities, workshops, exhibits, games, music, fellowship, and service. For more information about **“Fully Alive”** and NCYC visit <https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/>.

Hundreds of youth from the Diocese of Saint Cloud have participated in this event in the past. We invite and encourage you and your youth to join us in Indianapolis this fall. Enclosed is a brochure outlining our trip and the major costs associated with NCYC. The trip, organized through Catholic Education Ministries, includes bus transportation, lodging, NCYC registration fees, a diocesan t-shirt, some meals and more. You will find more information about our delegation at <https://stcloudio.org/event/ncyc-2023-fully-alive/>.

I welcome you to contact me for assistance in customizing part of your trip. Please know that I will be as flexible as possible in planning this event for you and your parish/ACC. All registrations for NCYC must come through CEM, but know we will do our best to accommodate your group.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about NCYC, registration deadlines, or your marketing and planning efforts. I look forward to working with you on our trip to Indianapolis.

With you in ministry,

Kent Schmitz

Associate Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Summary of Trip

Trip Itinerary:

Wednesday morning, November 15, 2023, leave from various locations in diocese via coach bus. Transportation for the trip is provided by Trobec's Bus Service. It is 12-14 hr. trip one-way.

Arrive in Indianapolis Wednesday evening and check in at hotels – TBD around Indianapolis

Thursday – Saturday attend NCYC.

Saturday evening, November 18th depart for Minnesota after closing liturgy.

Sunday, November 19th arrive back in Minnesota

Cost of trip \$840.00/participant which includes:

- * Several Meals
 - o *Breakfasts- Thursday, Friday, Saturday.*
 - o *Lunch Thursday or Friday.*
 - o *Late supper on Wednesday or box supper on Thursday.*

(Please note that the hotel has not been determined so breakfasts will vary depending on which hotel is selected.)
- * Region 8 – Fee
- * Coach Bus Transportation
- * Diocesan T-shirt
- * Hotel.
- * NCYC Registration Fee

Schedule for Registration

- * Now - March 31: Register your group through the parish enrollment portal <https://forms.gle/PC6imXDNSuLRQVF8>. Have copies of brochure available for youth and leaders.
- * April 18: Initial Registration (1/3 sheet of paper from brochure) & \$300.00 * ***non-refundable*** deposit per participant due to Catholic Education Ministries.
\$50 late fee will be charged to those who register after April 18.
- * June 19: Second Payment of \$220/participant due to CEM
- * June 30: Last day for late registrations.
- * August 14: Third Payment of \$220/participant due to CEM
- * September 1: All payments become **NON-REFUNDABLE** as tickets and reservations will be made after Sept. 1 for the trip.
- * October 16: Final payment of \$100/participant due along with PermissionClick forms and any other group registration forms.

Breakdown of Costs:

\$ 295.00	Event Registration until April 18 th . \$330 after April 18 th .
\$ 200.00	Bus Transportation
\$ 235.00	Hotel
\$ 70.00	2-3 Diocesan Meals
\$ 40.00	Shirt, Region fee, administrative.
\$ 840.00	Total if registered by April 18th and \$890.00 April 19 – June 30th

****Nonrefundable:*** *Because these funds are used to purchase nonrefundable registration tickets and make payments for housing, transportation, and food, we are unable to refund participants. We will work with you to see if we can substitute or transfer the registration ticket and other expenses to another participant.*