



Blessed + Broken + Given
The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
Indianapolis Indiana
November 21-24, 2019

*In a distinctly Catholic setting, the National Catholic Youth Conference invites participants to **Encounter Christ, Experience Church, and be Challenged to Discipleship.***

Speakers include Katie Prejean McGrady; Fr. Agustin Torres, CFR; Sr. Bethany Madonna SV; Immaculee Ilibagiza; and Mark Hart.

General Information

The National Catholic Youth Conference offers high school students and their adult leaders multiple opportunities to interact and learn more about our Catholic faith. From general sessions, to workshops, to service projects, and the sacraments; NCYC attempts to engage the head, heart, and hands of all participants.

NCYC is the single largest gathering of young Catholics in the United States, bringing together over 20,000 people in a powerful experience.

Since 1998, the diocese has arranged group travel to make the trip as safe as possible, encourage diocesan camaraderie, and make the conference as affordable as possible. *Anyone within the Diocese of Birmingham who desires to attend the conference must be a part of the diocesan contingent. This means registering through his/her own parish and the diocese, paying appropriate fees and traveling on the chartered buses together.*

Check out www.NCYC.info for a detailed schedule, and information about this year's speakers.

Who Can Go

Youth Participants: A high level of maturity is expected of the young people who attend NCYC.

All youth participants must:

- Be of high school age (grades 9-12) Oct. 1, 2019
- Agree to NCYC Youth Code of Conduct
- Register and attend as a member of a parish or Catholic school within the Diocese of Birmingham



Adult Participants: Each parish must arrange its own adult leadership who will be directly responsible for their young people. An Adult is an individual 21 years of age or older as of Oct 1, 2019.

All adult participants must:

- Be up to date on child protection standards
- Been approved by his/her pastor
- Agree to and sign the NCYC Adult Code of Conduct
- Agree to function under the supervision of diocesan leadership

NCYC affords adult youth ministers a wonderful opportunity to grow in their relationship with young people and develop new skills as ministers. The adult leaders are invited to grow in faith with the young people and youth ministers and be active members of the conference.

Adult Leader Guidelines

- Each parish group must have at least one adult.
- Co-ed groups need co-ed adult leadership.
- Groups with *more* than six young people need **one adult for every six youth**
- Groups are limited to the ratios above. Adults in excess of these ratios are permitted as space allows.

How the ratios work: If you were to have a group thirty young people. You would need five adults. If your group has thirteen young people you would need three adults.

***Parish groups may consider combining with other parishes to achieve the necessary balance of youth and adults.

Travel Information

We will travel together and stay in the same hotel. Our hotel is about 15 miles (20-30-minute drive) from the Conference. There is continental breakfast each morning, and then buses will depart for NCYC – arriving just in time to be seated for the opening session. We will not return to the hotel until after the close of the last session (around 11:00 PM).

Departure and Return

- Travel is in chartered luxury coaches. Leaving the John Carroll High School parking lot around 4:00 AM on Thursday, November 21st. **This means all participants should be at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham by 3:30 AM Thursday.**
- Arriving at the hotel just in time to check-in, (around 3:00 PM) unload baggage, get back on the buses and head downtown for the opening session.
- We leave Sunday morning for return travel to the Diocese.
- Transportation outside of the scheduled round-trip each day is not included in this package.

Hotel Rooms

- It is the responsibility of each parish to work out room sharing. To facilitate sharing between parishes we will be happy to furnish you with the names of other group leaders. If sharing becomes a problem, please contact the Youth Office, we will assist whenever possible.

Fees

Room Occupancy	Package Price per person
Quad	\$525.00
Triple (if available)	\$560.00
Double (if available)	\$635.00
Single (if available)	\$835.00

Fee is per person and applies to adults and youth. Adults cannot share rooms with youth. Roll-away beds are not available

Fee includes:

- Conference fee
- Transportation between Alabama and Indianapolis
- Three nights in the hotel with Breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Tour leadership with lots of experience

Scholarships: We have a limited amount of our budget set aside to pay for scholarships. In all cases, individual and parish contributions are expected before the diocese will assist an individual. **Fully paid scholarships are very rarely given.**

Deadlines

Limited space available; register before deadlines to increase your chances of acceptance

Please let us know your parish wants to go to the conference. Email us at youthministry@bhmdiocese.org

September 9: All forms and Deposit of \$225 per person due in the Office for Youth

October 14: Balance of fees is due in the Office for Youth (pay with single check)

After October 14th, there are no cancellations and no refunds

NOTE ON CANCELLATIONS: After September 9th cancellations and substitutions may be possible if notice is made in writing. A \$40 fee will be charged for each person being cancelled. The fee for substitutions is \$20 per person.

All checks should be made out to the Office for Youth

Please mail all forms and checks to the following address:

**Office for Youth
PO Box 12047
Birmingham, AL 35202-2047**