



## NCYC 2021 FAQ

### What is NCYC?

- NCYC stands for **National Catholic Youth Conference**. It is an exciting biennial, four-day experience of prayer, community and celebration for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones.
- The schedule includes engaging liturgies, general sessions with powerful speakers, workshops with topics relevant to teens and special activities such as concerts, and an interactive exhibit area

### When is NCYC?

- November 18-20, 2021
- Departures will be early Thursday, Nov. 18 and we will return Sunday evening Nov. 21
- Students will miss two days of school. *In the past this has been considered an excused absence by the schools.*

### Where is NCYC?

- The conference is in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Activities will take place at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indianapolis Convention Center

### How much does it cost?

- \$500 -This includes:
  - Admission to all conference activities
  - Hotel and Transportation
  - Two t-shirts (it helps us find our group members among 10,000 people when we are in matching shirts!)
  - Two dinners and one lunch (you will need to bring spending money to pay for other meals. You will also be asked to contribute one item for our breakfasts such as a box of breakfast bars or carton of juice boxes etc.)
- This amount will be due in installments and various fundraisers will be available to all participants and chaperones to help cover part of the cost. (Read more about fundraising below). Scholarship money is also available. **If finances are a concern, talk to Sarah, we want all students to have the opportunity to go to NCYC!**

### When will payments be due? *(Late additions are not guaranteed a spot, if you need financial help with the deposit, talk to Sarah)*

- \$100 is due with the commitment form by April 15
- \$100 is due July 15 (along with all completed health and permission forms)
- \$100 is due August 15
- \$ Remaining Balance (\$200) due September 15

*Any money accumulated in your individual fundraising account will be applied to the final two payments. If you should end up fundraising the entire cost of the trip, a refund will be issued for any amount you have over paid.*

### How do I register for NCYC?

- Commitment forms are available in the Youth Ministry office, in the church gathering space and online at [www.sacredheartwdm.org](http://www.sacredheartwdm.org) (Search NCYC or go to the SMASH/Youth Ministry page)
- In order to guarantee a spot, **turn in your NCYC commitment form and \$100 non-refundable deposit no later than April 15** to Sarah Sheerin in the Youth Ministry office. *Make checks payable to Sacred Heart.* Send to 1627 Grand Ave., W. Des Moines, IA 50265 Attn. Sarah Sheerin

### Where will we be staying?

- A hotel in downtown Indianapolis, the last few times we have stayed at the Marriott Downtown. We will be just a few blocks from the Convention Center!
- Cost of hotel is based on four participants per room and is already included in the total package cost

### Who attends NCYC?

- The conference is open to all Catholic high school students (grades 9-12) and their adult chaperones.
- Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age and are required to complete both a background check and the Diocesan "Protecting God's Children" training.
- NCYC participants (teens AND adults) will be expected to attend several planning meetings in order to prepare for this journey. Meeting dates TBD.
- Conference attendance is expected to be 10,000 participants per state of Indiana, city of Indianapolis, Lucas Oil Stadium, and Indianapolis Convention Center rules for COVID-19 mitigation.

### Who are the Chaperones?

- Adults who regularly lead the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry program will be chaperoning along with parent volunteers
- An 8:1 teen:adult ratio is required. **Chaperones fulfilling this ratio will receive a \$200 discount subsidized by Sacred Heart Youth Ministry**
- If there are more parents interested in chaperoning than available spots, names will be drawn at random to fill the discounted slots. Any parent whose name isn't drawn may elect to go as an adult participant and pay the full amount
- Chaperones may choose to participate in fundraising to defray the cost of their trip as well

### How will we get to and from Indianapolis?

- We will travel by charter bus. This cost is also already included in the total package cost.

### What is the cancellation policy?

- If a qualified replacement can be found who is willing to pay for your spot, only the \$100 deposit will be forfeited.
- If a qualified replacement cannot be found the following cancellation fees will apply
  - Cancellation prior to July 15, full refund minus \$100 deposit
  - Cancellation between July 16 and September 15, participant is responsible for \$250 of the fee
  - Cancellations after September 15 – NO REFUND (You are responsible for the full fee of \$600)

### What are some of the possible fund raising opportunities?

- Restaurant Loyalty nights
- Scholarships (ask Sarah for a Scholarship application form)
- Fish Fry- work at the Sacred Heart fish fries to earn money
- Jewelry & rosary fundraiser
- Tiny Saints or Sock Religious Fundraisers

### Why attend NCYC? Here are a few quotes from past participants about their NCYC experience:

- "My faith was strengthened so much. It helped me a lot because I've been struggling with thoughts of disbelief and denial. Like the main speaker said, I'm going to make every decision as if I'm stepping closer or farther away from God"
- "I feel like a new person in my faith"
- "It made me proud to be Catholic"
- "It showed me that God and Jesus are in my everyday life"
- It really strengthened my faith and showed me that I'm not alone, and that there are so many other Catholics out there."

If you have any questions contact Sarah Sheerin at 515-225-6414 ext. 320 or

[Sarah.Sheerin@sacredheartwdm.org](mailto:Sarah.Sheerin@sacredheartwdm.org)



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## Commitment Form

I am committed to participating in NCYC in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 18-20, 2021. Enclosed is my non-refundable deposit of \$100. Checks payable to Sacred Heart  
**Commitment form and deposit due by April 15, 2021**

*(If you end up fund raising the full trip amount, you will receive your deposit back before the trip which can then be used as spending money at NCYC)* The full cost of the trip is \$500 which can be paid in installments (see other side for payment plan) and all or a portion may be paid for through fund raising.

### Please Print

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Name as you'd like it to appear on your badge: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending fall of 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level 2019-20 school year \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Mother's/Guardian's Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Father's/Guardian's Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ I am not \_\_\_\_\_ interested in being a parent chaperone. (If yes, Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Chaperones fulfilling the required 1:8 ratio will receive a reduced fee and pay only \$400** Sacred Heart church will pay the remainder of the fee. In the event we have more parents wishing to chaperone than available spots, names will be drawn at random. Any parents not selected may choose to sign up as an adult participant and pay the full \$600 fee. You will be notified after May 15 as to whether you were selected as a chaperone. Chaperones and adult participants may elect to participate in fundraising as well. **Chaperone deposits of \$100 will be due by May 15. (do not pay chaperone deposit at this time, wait until chaperones have been selected)**

\_\_\_\_ My child will be participating in fundraisers to help pay for this event (fundraising activities may include but are not limited to the Lenten Fish Frys, Restaurant loyalty night, and other ideas generated by the participants)

\_\_\_\_ We are planning to pay the full \$600 and not participate in fundraisers

**See other side for parent signature**

# BOTH SIDES MUST BE FILLED OUT

**I have read and agree to the cancellation policy** (see policy below, detach parent copy of financial obligations on the next page and keep for your records)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Sarah Sheerin in the Sacred Heart youth office at 1627 Grand Ave. W. Des Moines, IA 50265  
**no later than April 15, 2021.** Checks payable to Sacred Heart

For office use only:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Received

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Deposit

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**Parent Copy of NCYC Financial Obligations**  
**DETACH AND KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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