



Diocese of Davenport NCYC 2019 Evaluations Youth – Compiled Results



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| Number of Youth Evaluations: 490 | | | |
| Age 13: 1 (0.2%) 17: 86 (17.6%) 14: 85 (17.3%) 18: 28 (5.7%) 15: 131 (26.7%) NR: 31 (6.3%) 16: 118 (24.1%) Av. Age: 15.7 | Gender Male: 201 (41%) Female: 287 (58.6%) NR: 2 (0.4%) | Grade 9: 139 (28.4%) 12: 98 (20%) 10: 142 (29%) NR: 1 (0.2%) 11: 110 (22.4%) | |
| Confirmed Yes: 346 (70.6%) No: 139 (28.4%) NR: 5 (1%) | School Attended Catholic: 154 (31.4%) Public: 330 (67.3%) NR: 6 (1.2%) | | Attend Weekend Mass 2-3+ times/month Yes: 418 (85.3%) No: 60 (12.2%) NR: 12 (2.4%) |
| Why go to NCYC? To meet new people: 101 (20.6%) To have fun: 125 (25.5%) To get out of school: 22 (4.5%) To learn more about my faith: 109 (22.2%) To grow in my faith: 250 (51%) To be with my friends: 52 (10.6%) | | | |
| Satisfaction with NCYC [Extremely Dissatisfied (1) <-----> Extremely Satisfied (10)] 1: 1 (0.2%) 3: 0 (0%) 5: 6 (1.2%) 7: 40 (8.2%) 9: 144 (29.4%) NR: 28 (5.7%) 2: 0 (0%) 4: 1 (0.2%) 6: 12 (2.4%) 8: 126 (25.7%) 10: 132 (26.9%) | | | |

Please place an X in the **three (3)** boxes that you feel NCYC helped you the most.

| Please place an X in the box that best describes how well NCYC did the following for YOU. | Absolutely | For the Most Part | A little | Not Really | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. NCYC helped me to feel loved and valued. | 341 (63.5%) | 146 (29.8%) | 27 (5.5%) | 4 (0.8%) | 133 (27.1%) |
| 2. NCYC helped me feel more a part of my parish. | 234 (47.8%) | 181 (36.9%) | 58 (11.8%) | 15 (3.1%) | 40 (8.2%) |
| 3. NCYC made me feel like a part of a larger, universal Roman Catholic community. | 395 (80.6%) | 62 (12.7%) | 24 (4.9%) | 4 (0.8%) | 208 (42.4%) |
| 4. NCYC made me feel comfortable being Catholic. | 370 (75.5%) | 94 (19.2%) | 19 (3.9%) | 5 (1%) | 76 (15.5%) |
| 5. NCYC gave me an opportunity to learn about the traditions and teachings of the Church. | 280 (57.1%) | 156 (31.8%) | 46 (9.4%) | 4 (0.8%) | 26 (5.3%) |
| 6. NCYC helped me deepen my relationship with Christ. | 360 (73.5%) | 100 (20.4%) | 23 (4.7%) | 4 (0.8%) | 165 (33.7%) |
| 7. NCYC encouraged me to pray more. | 332 (67.8%) | 112 (22.9%) | 37 (7.6%) | 7 (1.4%) | 93 (19%) |
| 8. NCYC taught me about traditional rituals and prayers of the Church. | 179 (36.5%) | 197 (40.2%) | 91 (18.6%) | 16 (3.3%) | 14 (2.9%) |
| 9. NCYC provided me with opportunities to experience Reconciliation and Mass | 383 (78.2%) | 81 (16.5%) | 20 (4.1%) | 2 (0.4%) | 44 (9%) |
| 10. NCYC provided prayer experiences that were engaging and empowering. | 347 (70.8%) | 116 (23.7%) | 18 (3.7%) | 1 (0.2%) | 115 (23.5%) |
| 11. NCYC made me want to participate more in my own parish's Masses. | 250 (51%) | 157 (32%) | 61 (12.4%) | 18 (3.7%) | 26 (5.3%) |
| 12. NCYC helped me to make better moral decisions. | 252 (51.4%) | 167 (34.1%) | 54 (11%) | 13 (2.7%) | 43 (8.8%) |
| 13. NCYC helped me become more open to the idea of religion and spirituality. | 311 (63.5%) | 129 (26.3%) | 36 (7.3%) | 6 (1.2%) | 36 (7.3%) |
| 14. NCYC helped me to become more aware of service and justice issues. | 170 (34.7%) | 190 (38.8%) | 101 (20.6%) | 24 (4.9%) | 12 (2.4%) |

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| 15. NCYC was what I needed, even if what I needed was different from other people at NCYC. | 299 (61%) | 127 (25.9%) | 52 (10.6%) | 9 (1.8%) | 75 (15.3%) |
| 16. NCYC motivated me to become a leader in my parish. | 143 (29.2%) | 184 (37.6%) | 108 (22%) | 53 (10.8%) | 19 (3.9%) |



What about NCYC has been the most memorable for you? (see Appendix I for comments)

| Please respond how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your family by circling the appropriate response. (1=Strongly Disagree; 5=Strongly Agree) | | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Agree |
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| My family... | makes me feel part of a welcoming, loving community. | 4.56 | (5: 65.9%) |
| | helps me to get closer to God. | 4.25 | (5: 49%) |
| | helps me to learn about my faith. | 4.2 | (5: 48.4%) |
| | empowers me to serve others and help others to grow in their faith. | 4.34 | (5: 54.5%) |

| Please respond how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your parish/cluster by circling the appropriate response. (1=Strongly Disagree; 5=Strongly Agree) | | Strongly Disagree | Strongly Agree |
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| My parish/cluster | makes me feel part of a welcoming, loving community. | 4.37 | (5: 56.9%) |
| | helps me to get closer to God. | 4.45 | (5: 58.4%) |
| | helps me to learn about my faith. | 4.44 | (5: 58.6%) |
| | empowers me to serve others and help others to grow in their faith. | 4.38 | (5: 56.5%) |

What would you like Faith Formation Leaders in the Diocese to know about the realities of being a teenager today, in general and in the church? (see Appendix II for comments)

Would you be interested in a 3-4 hour re-gathering of NCYC participants in late February/early March where we could reflect on the challenges and joys of being “blessed, broken, given,” be re-inspired to continue our faith journey, and receive the support and encouragement of other young people and adults throughout our diocese?

Yes: 222 (45.3%) No: 231 (47.1%) Blank: 37 (7.6%)

APPENDIX I – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES FOR THE QUESTION: “What would you like Faith Formation Leaders in the Diocese to know about the realities of being a teenager today, in general and in the church?”

1. The group session in the stadium and singing and praying with everyone and meeting new people.
2. Listening to the speakers and hearing everyone sing.
3. Meeting people.
4. Meeting new people and learn more about my faith.
5. Meeting new people. Learning about God.
6. The Mass.
7. Talking to new people and knowing how religion is in everything.
8. The attitudes of everyone, and the amount of people.
9. When adoration took place, and so many people were crying.
10. Meeting new people on the same journey who can relate.
11. the closing Mass and a breakout about the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit.
12. Mass and Adoration.
13. the power of so many Catholics worshipping Christ together.
14. All of the people. It is amazing seeing 20,000 teens in the stadium with their flashlights on.
15. The friends that I made.
16. The songs we all sang at Mass. (Reckless love)
17. The Adoration was the most memorable.
18. Meeting people, walking a lot, Adoration, hotel fun times.
19. I confessed for real for the first time.
20. Adoration and how I felt at peace.
21. Meeting new people, and coming closer in my faith.
22. "The poop story." I went to the bathroom with my friend and heard a loud poop noise. Thinking it was him, I made a big deal about it begin funny. Turns out it wasn't him.
23. The friendships and the promises I made.
24. Meeting new people from all over that were social. They were all very nice.
25. How powerful the whole thing was and how we have so much in common with people all over the nation.
26. Adoration and the songs we sang.
27. Mainly adoration and Mass. It was so amazing and it made me proud to call the Catholic religion my own.
28. The Mass and all the priests that were there. The songs I learned.
29. The Mass and the songs when everyone was getting into it.
30. Meeting all of the amazing people. I loved clipping people and snapping them. I also like the Mass a lot. It was fun and the songs were great and you could really feel the presence of Christ.
31. Meeting new people and growing in my faith. Adoration especially.
32. The Mass was very empowering to me.
33. Adoration with everyone.
34. Singing in Lucas Oil with 20,000+ other people.
35. All of the songs hitting deep.
36. When the whole stadium would start to sing.
37. The woman who went through the genocide. All the people. The Kit Saint.
38. The fact that we had the same Bus driver 2 times in a row and making memories with friends.

APPENDIX II – INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES FOR THE QUESTION: “What about NCYC has been the most memorable for you?”

1. Some people can be very introverted and will get embarrassed easier and they need to be pushed out there but not too much where they shut down.
2. Sometimes we are really busy and caught up with everything but we need to take time and pray to God.
3. Time are changing. Masses need to be like the ones at NCYC for more young people to come.
4. Sometimes church can feel long but the more you relate and understand what is going on the easier and more interesting to me.
5. We don't know much about Jesus as you do.
6. Mass should be more new and up beat like NCYC. It would make people want to go instead of having to go.
7. That we aren't as motivated to go to church because of being judged.
8. That things are different than they were.
9. That we all go through different things at different times.
10. I would like them to know that we aren't just whiny kids and we do have some real problems.
11. They should know most teens won't start going to church now if they haven't gone as kids.
12. For sure, it would make Mass more relatable.
13. Some people aren't as outgoing as others and may not express their thoughts as much as others.
14. Most kids won't go to Mass outside of NCYC because they feel like their other friends will judge them if they didn't already go to Mass before this.
15. They have to find God on our own instead of being forced into it because it means more and Mass gets boring but if we had better music it would help us stay interested the whole time.
16. Some parts are hard and confusing, and we sometimes lose sight of God.
17. That they don't know everything about teenagers. It is was different now.
18. Lots of stupid feelings causing stupid things.
19. Lines between moral and immoral are blurry for myself.
20. Teens are under a lot of stress and need time to be at peace. In the church they can feel pressure to be perfect.
21. Hard to follow Christ, and choose the right choices.
22. We're really busy and need incentives to go to church. Having other teens brings more in, and sometimes an invitation can bring a bunch of young-ins in.
23. That we need youth group.
24. Lots of drama.
25. Making things relatable really helps us connect.
26. It was all very fun but there were some parts that were hard to understand so I lost interest
27. I think the main reason teenagers don't go to Mass is the music. Personally I like it but the more upbeat music would attract a younger audience.
28. We want more upbeat music because it makes it more fun.
29. Church is often boring and is more considered something you have to do instead of get to. Engage teens more.
30. No one goes to Mass because it's really slow and boring. The songs put me to sleep no matter how hard I try to stay awake.
31. How difficult it is to stay faithful in your teenage years.
32. That some kids have different situations at home like their family doesn't care as much about their faith.
33. Giving into temptations are a very big deal and makes them not feel worthy of Christ.
34. Teenagers would rather be doing something other than going to Mass.
35. Make Mass more enjoyable. Better music.
36. That if things are not interesting then we will lose interest.

37. I don't really know.

38. It's hard.