September 2019

Dear Catholic High School Principal:

On November 21-24, 2019 the Diocese of Columbus will be taking a group of over 250 high school teens and adult leaders to the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, Blessed, Broken, Given; Bendito, Partido, Entregado. Of course this will mean two missed school days by the students who are participating. Students attending this conference are not to be penalized in any way in classroom work or extracurricular and sporting events. The NCYC can have a profound impact on the students and their faith development.

As many of you may know NCYC is the premiere national gathering of Catholic high school age youth in the United States. It draws in excess of 23,000 youth and their chaperones from around the country for three days of prayer, catechesis, service, and educational workshops. It is a unique opportunity for young people to gather together to strengthen their Catholic identity. They meet other young people striving to live out positive values, learn ways to cope with influences that conflict with what they know to be right, and find that they are strong enough to be countercultural. For many, their participation is not only life-affirming, it is life-changing.

In Indianapolis, young people will hear presentations by leading speakers on a wide array of topics including social justice, prayer, appropriate use of technology, servant leadership, racism and cultural diversity, the sacraments, and transitioning to college. They will have several opportunities to interact with bishops and other church leaders as session presenters, through daily liturgy and the sacrament of reconciliation, and during guided roundtable discussions.

For more information about the conference, feel free to visit the national website, www.nfcym.org/ncyc. In addition, please feel free to contact Sean Robinson or Mike Hall at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office; 614.241.2565.

Your cooperation in enabling your students to attend is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools