

HANDBOOK

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



MARCH 22-24, 2024

CARROLL COLLEGE | HELENA, MT

ENCOUNTER THE LORD | ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK | PROCLAIM HIS LOVE



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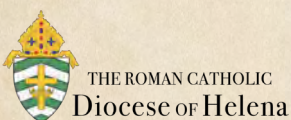
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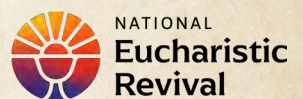
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Greetings to you!

Jesus Christ is calling all of us to a deeper conversion and relationship with Him. This is a time of great renewal in the Church. I invite you and your families to join us in this Eucharistic Revival taking place in the Diocese of Helena! For the third time, we will host a Eucharistic Congress at Carroll College in Helena.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
-John 6:51

We are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival in the United States. This national initiative of the USCCB is a call back to the heart of our faith, to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Throughout the country, we continue to contemplate and proclaim the doctrine of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

We continue to build on the success of this initiative in our own diocese. We will, once again, combine our annual Catholic Youth Convention with the Eucharistic Congress to foster family participation in this event of celebration and worship.

Our Diocese has a long history of gathering, celebrating, learning, and worshipping together. This year we are excited to host this event on the weekend of Palm Sunday so that we can enter into the mysteries and beauty of Holy Week. It is my hope that this event will be the spark we need to revive our faith.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Helena this March. Know of my prayers for you and please pray for me!

In Christ, I am

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of the Diocese of Helena

QUICK FACTS:

Location: Carroll College (Helena)

Date: March 22-24, 2024

Registration:
diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress

Housing (See p. 7 for details)
Discounted rooms available at Home2suites.
St. Mary Parish welcomes High School Youth Groups.
Cathedral Parish welcomes college students.

Cost Financial aid is available.
Maximum charge for a family: \$250

- Adults (18+): \$100
- Adult Chaperone: \$50
- College Student: \$50
- Grades 9-12: \$100
- CYC Board: \$50
- K-8: \$50

Questions? Contact Kevin Molm:
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ABOUT THE ARTWORK

Title: *St. Dominic Adoring the Crucifixion*
Artist: Fra Angelico
Year: c. 1441-1442
Location: Basilica di San Marco, Florence, Italy

“For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the ‘wondrous sacrament of the whole Church.’

-Sacrosanctum Concilium 5

The image for the 2024 Eucharistic Congress is of a fresco by Fra Angelico of St. Dominic adoring Christ crucified.

To meditate on Christ present in the Eucharist is to meditate on the union of Christ and the Church: Head and Body, Bridegroom and Bride. Contemplating our union in him as his gift, we can only respond, “Thank you, Lord!”

The Eucharist is the sacrament and memorial of Christ’s sacrificial love. Christ gives us the very body he gave for us on the cross and the very blood which he “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

Because it contains Christ himself, the Eucharist is “the gift that Jesus Christ makes of himself, revealing to us God’s infinite love for every man and woman” (*Sacramentum Caritatis* 1).

Created entirely by this gift, the Church is thus a communion in the blood of Christ. “The Church is born primarily of Christ’s total self-giving for our salvation, anticipated in the institution of the Eucharist and fulfilled on the cross...As Eve was formed from the sleeping Adam’s side, so the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross” (CCC 766). The real, visible Church is the continuing presence of the love that poured from his pierced heart. So intimately united with Christ, the Church becomes a sacrament in turn.

“The Eucharist makes the Church” (CCC 1396). We pray that this Eucharistic Congress prepares us for Holy Week as we, like St. Dominic, adore and contemplate Jesus Christ, discovering his total self-giving love. Pierced by his love, may our own hearts be opened to share his life.



Schedule Overview

(Updated December 2023)

Some activities will be for everyone (e.g. Mass). We will also offer separate but simultaneous activities (“Tracks”) in different locations for each age group. Below is meant to be a *summary overview* of the weekend. Updates will be made closer to the event, with the detailed schedule available at check-in. What will not change: check-in times, Mass, meals, and closing times. Our primary location is the PE Center at Carroll College.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

	Adult Track	Young Adult/ College Student Track	High School Track	Junior High Track	K-5 Track
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Early Check-in (PE Center)	Early Check-in (PE Center)	Check-in (PE Center)	Early Check-in (PE Center)	Early Check-in (PE Center)
6:30-9:30PM	Optional: Guest Lecture with Dr. John Bergsma (Student Center)	Optional: Guest Lecture with Dr. John Bergsma (Student Center)	Opening Session (PE Center)	No Programming Friday Night	No Programming Friday Night
9:30-10:30PM		No-host Social (Location TBD)	Night Prayer (All Saints Chapel)		

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

	Adult Track	Young Adult/ College Student Track	High School Track	Junior High Track	K-5 Track
7:30-9:30AM	Check-in (PE Center)	Check-in (PE Center)	Check-in (PE Center)	Check-in (PE Center)	Drop-off (PE Center)
9:30AM	Welcome (PE Center)	Welcome (PE Center)	Welcome (PE Center)	Welcome (PE Center)	Kids stay with staff until pick-up at 4:45pm
10:00AM	Mass w/Bp. Vetter (PE Center)	Mass w/Bp. Vetter (PE Center)	Mass w/Bp. Vetter (PE Center)	Mass w/Bp. Vetter (PE Center)	Mass w/Bp. Vetter (PE Center)
10:30AM-12PM	Session 1 (PE Center)	Session 1 (PE Center)	Session 1 (Lower Student Center)	Session 1 (Upper Student Center)	Childcare (PE Center)
12:00-1PM	Lunch (PE Center)	Lunch (PE Center)	Lunch (STAC)	Lunch (Lower Student. Center)	Lunch (PE Center)
1:00-4:00PM	Breakouts & Workshops	Breakouts & Workshops	Breakouts & Workshops	Session 2 (Parents Pickup in PE Center at 4:45pm)	Childcare (PE Center) Pickup at 4:45pm
4:00-6:00PM	Break	Coffee Break with Bp. Vetter (Upper STAC)	Break	Break	Break
6:00-7:00PM	Dinner (PE Center)	Dinner (PE Center)	Dinner (PE Center)	Dinner (PE Center)	Dinner (PE Center)
7:00-8:00PM	Session 2 (PE Center)	Session 2 (PE Center)	Session 2 (PE Center)	Session 2 (PE Center)	Childcare (PE Center)
8:00-9:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints Chapel)	Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints Chapel)	Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints Chapel)	Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints Chapel)	Pickup at 9pm
9:00-11:00PM		Mixer & Catholic Trivia w/Chika (Brewhouse)	Music, Games, & Social (PE Center)	Music, Games, & Social (PE Center)	

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 (PALM SUNDAY)

	Adult Track	Young Adult/ College Student Track	High School Track	Junior High Track	K-5 Track
7:00-8:00AM	Continental Breakfast (PE Center)	Continental Breakfast (PE Center)	Continental Breakfast (PE Center)	Continental Breakfast (PE Center)	Continental Breakfast (PE Center)
8:00-9:33AM	Closing Session (PE Center)	Closing Session (PE Center)	Closing Session (PE Center)	Closing Session (PE Center)	Childcare 8-9:30am (PE Center)
9:30-11:00AM	Palm Sunday Procession (PE Center to Cathedral)	Palm Sunday Procession (PE Center to Cathedral)	Palm Sunday Procession (PE Center to Cathedral)	Palm Sunday Procession (PE Center to Cathedral)	Palm Sunday Procession (PE Center to Cathedral)
11:00AM	Closing Mass (Cathedral of St. Helena)	Closing Mass (Cathedral of St. Helena)	Closing Mass (Cathedral of St. Helena)	Closing Mass (Cathedral of St. Helena)	Closing Mass (Cathedral of St. Helena)



VISIT CAMPUS

CARROLL IS YOUR DIOCESAN COLLEGE

Carroll College is excited to welcome you to campus for the *Eucharistic Congress and CYC Convention* in March!

► **We will be offering campus tours during the event** if you would like to learn more about Carroll.

- S P R I N G V I S I T D A Y -

Join us for our Spring Visit Day* on **Monday, March 25** or schedule an individual visit on our website at:

► ► **CARROLL.EDU/VISIT**

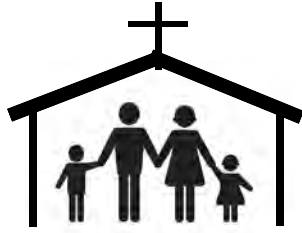


carroll.edu/visit

* Registration for Spring Visit Day coming soon.



FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES



"THE CHURCH IS AT THE SERVICE OF PARENTS TO HELP THEM ENLIVEN WITHIN THEIR CHILDREN A KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE FOR THE CATHOLIC FAITH."

-Renewing the Vision, USCCB

We are excited to offer this shared experience as a way for your entire family to grow closer to Christ. Through the various age-appropriate sessions and activities, we are confident that everyone in your family will have an inspiring experience and encounter with our Lord, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist.

FAQ's

- **May my child attend by him/herself?** Children in grades K-5 must attend with a parent/legal guardian. Jr. High (6-8) and High school youth (9-12) may attend either with their parent/guardian or as a part of a parish youth group and chaperoned by an adult who is Safe Environment (VIRTUS)-compliant.
- **Will I be with my children?** We will provide childcare for children in grades K-5 in a space adjacent to the main sessions in the PE Center. Separate and simultaneous programming in different spaces will also happen for both junior high (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12). When they are not participating in the specific "youth sessions," you will be expected to be with your children. See the schedule on p. 4 for details. Young children (ages 0-4) must remain with you at all times.
- **Can I bring my infant/toddler?** Yes! Families with young children are most welcome. We are grateful for your witness to the faith and our growing Church. We are unable to provide separate childcare for children ages 0-4, and they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times. You do not need to register infants/toddlers.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is available. No family will pay more than \$250. We also offer a discount for enrolled college students (\$50). Contact Kevin Molm for more information: kmolm@dohmt.org.

Hospitality, Food, & Housing Details

Our goal is to create an environment where every member of your family can participate fully in the programming.

Food: All of your meals, along with snacks and refreshments throughout the weekend, are included in the your registration.

Housing: We encourage families to make arrangements for housing as early as possible! No housing is available at Carroll College. Discounted hotel rooms are available at Home2Suites Call 406.502.222 and mention the Eucharistic Congress.

Childcare for K-5

In order to provide parents the opportunity to fully engage with the adult sessions, we will offer childcare for children in grades K-5 throughout much of the event. We will keep them busy with games, fun, and faith-filled activities. They will be supervised by Safe Environment (VIRTUS)-compliant adults and volunteers in the PE Center where the adult sessions will be held.

You must **pre-register your child** online with your registration and complete a liability waiver at check-in. Children must be checked-in and -out by a parent/legal guardian during the weekend.

Safety, Security & Appropriate Behavior

The safety of your family is a top concern. Security will be provided through a partnership with the City of Helena and Carroll College. We expect all participants to dress and behave in a manner that reflects Christian values.

Dress Code: The dress is casual, except for the Saturday night banquet, which participants are encouraged to dress nicely (a tie for guys, dresses for ladies). No attire that promotes alcohol/drug use will be tolerated, nor will clothing that is revealing. March is still winter in Helena, so dress accordingly.

Children and youth are expected to follow all instructions and safety guidelines of their respective Adult Chaperones and event staff/volunteers. Diocese of Helena Staff and Adult Chaperones reserve the right to send any participant home before the conclusion of the event at the expense of the individual and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

ACCOMMODATIONS, CHAPERONE & GROUP INFORMATION

PLAN EARLY.

Each individual/group is responsible for finding appropriate accommodations that will best suit their needs and budget. The information here is meant only as a suggestion; you need to decide what is for you and/or your group.



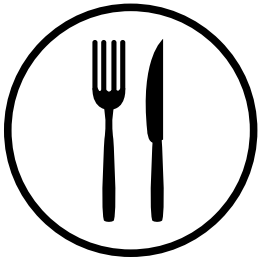
TRANSPORTATION

Only adults may transport youth; youth may not drive themselves or other youth. Parking is available in the lots on the south end of campus. Do not park in spaces designated for specific people – unless you are that person.

If you are bringing a bus, enter through the entrance on Lyndale Ave. and drop off/pickup youth in the PE Center parking lot, where buses may be parked.

FOOD

All meals are included with your registration!

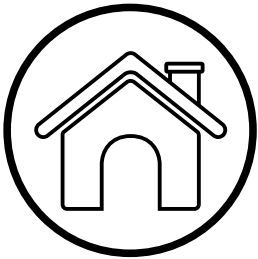


This includes, Saturday lunch and dinner (remember to dress up for the Saturday night banquet!), brunch on Sunday, as well as snacks and refreshments throughout the weekend. We will also have food on Friday night (cheese pizza – we'll be in Lent) for the Sneak Peak for high school youth.

HOUSING

No housing is available at Carroll College. All lodging is to be coordinated by each individual family or the Youth/College Group Leader.

Discounted hotel rooms are available at Home2Suites. Call 406.502.222 to make reservations.



St. Mary's Parish has offered to host youth groups overnight if coordinated in advance. All Safe Environment (VIRTUS) policies must be followed. The ratio is 10:1 (youth-to-adult) of the same sex. Chaperones will have separate sleeping areas, but must remain on the premise. Contact Dawn Brannman for details: 406.442.5268 or dbrannman@stmaryhelenas.org.

The St. Helena Cathedral Parish has offered to host college students (18+) for overnight lodging for the weekend. There is no cost to stay at the parish. However, space is limited, and you must notify the parish in advance! Contact Alex Olmes for details at: aolmes@sthelenas.org or call/text 707.980.2351.

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Adult Chaperone Defined: A person who is at least 21 years-old and is able and willing to assume responsibility for chaperoning youth at CYC Convention. Young adults who are 18-20 years-old are welcome to *assist* with chaperoning but they may not count towards a group's 10:1 Youth-to-Chaperone ratio, nor may they drive/transport youth.

Responsibilities and Expectations: First and foremost, your responsibility is to ensure the safety and well-being at all times of the young people in your care. This includes ensuring safe transportation, appropriate housing, and that their bodies are well-cared for (e.g. that they have food, shelter, and are rested). Then, you will also be expected to enforce rules and expectations for appropriate behavior.

Christian Model: More than *just* a Chaperone, you are a role model; please present a positive image by your actions, as well as your words, by actively participating in the event yourself. We ask that adults not go anywhere that they could not, or would not, take youth. Please refrain from all alcohol, tobacco, and/or drug use. Chaperones are expected to remain on site the entire weekend. You are encouraged to be with and sit as a group as much as possible. During any "free" time, you are expected to know the whereabouts of your youth.



High School (Grades 9-12)

We continue our long-standing tradition of gathering high school youth each Spring for a weekend of fun, faith, and friendship. The CYC Board is planning an incredible experience for high school youth, starting with our Friday night experience that is for high school youth-only.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

It is so much better to attend with friends, so get your parish/school youth group organized and attend as one community! Coordinate with your youth minister or pastor. They can help manage registrations and coordinate rides, food, and housing.

If you do not have a youth minister or other adult who is helping to coordinate a group, then you should come along your family. Parents can attend the adult sessions, while youth experience the event with other young people.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All high school youth must be chaperoned, either by a parent/guardian or a Safe Environment (VIRTUS)-compliant adult (21+) who will be responsible for their youth's whereabouts, behavior, and for assisting with transportation, food, housing, etc.

FRIDAY NIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ONLY!

The CYC Board is excited to kick-off the weekend with a special evening for our high school youth (Grades 9-12). Bring your entire youth group!

Doors will open at 5pm. We will have games, music, food, and more until the program officially gets started at 6:30pm. From 6:30-10:30pm we will have activities, talks, and prayer experiences specifically for high school youth.

Youth Ministers bringing groups should plan to be present for the Friday night activities. Those youth who will be attending the weekend with their parents must be dropped off between 5-6:30pm and picked up at 10:30PM

HIGH SCHOOL KEYNOTES

Beginning Friday and continuing through the rest of the weekend, we will have special guests lead our high school activities, including:



Chika Anyanwu



Chris Mueller



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH (Grades 6-8)

Similar to our diocesan Junior High Rally, those in grades 6-8 will enjoy a day of fun, faith-filled sessions and high-energy activities.

Junior high youth must be accompanied by an adult. They may attend either with their parent/guardian or as part of a youth group if chaperoned by an adult (21+) who meets Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policies (VIRTUS). Staff and volunteers, however, will manage them during general sessions while parents/guardians participate fully in the adult programming. In other words, you have to attend the event with your child, but you won't have to be attached to them all weekend.

Special notes on the Junior High Youth track:

- When not participating in the designated Junior High programming, they are expected to be with their parent/chaperone.
 - Parents/chaperones must pickup their junior high youth by 4:30pm on Saturday afternoon for the afternoon break. They will stay with parent/chaperone through our evening programming. We will close Saturday night with a dance, music, and games for both Junior High and High School youth in the PE Center.
 - There will be no special breakout sessions for junior high youth on Sunday; they will be expected to remain with their parent/chaperone.
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COLLEGE



Our campus ministries are thriving!
We are grateful for your inspiring witness to the faith. Whether you grew up here or call "home" somewhere else, the Diocese of Helena welcomes you into our community. Get your group organized and bring your friends to contribute your enthusiasm, joy, and energy to this weekend.

PRAYER

Retreat from your normal weekend routine and participate in this weekend full of inspiring prayer experiences with Scripture, Adoration, and the Sacraments - all centered around the Eucharist.

INSPIRATION

Our general session speakers will inspire your faith. Then, choose from a variety of breakout session topics and presenters most interesting to you.

"You must be patient, you must wait for the eye of the soul to be formed in you. Religious truth is reached, not by reasoning, but by an inward perception. Anyone can reason; only disciplined, educated, formed minds can perceive."
-St. John Henry Newman

FELLOWSHIP

Share time and space with other young Catholics who are at a similar life stage and dive into topics and conversations relevant to you.

We will have specific activities for college students to socialize, pray, and meet each other.

SOME NOTES:

Registration - Pre-registration is required. You may register as an individual or as a group with your campus ministry.

Cost: \$50 - This includes all meals and programming.

Housing: The St. Helena Cathedral Parish has generously opened their Parish Center to college students (18+) for overnight lodging for the weekend.

There is no cost to stay at the parish. However, space is limited, and you must notify the parish in advance! Contact Alex Olmes for details at: aolmes@sthelenas.org or call/text 707.980.2351.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 18, 2024

(Register online at diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)

We are grateful for the partnerships with our vendors and exhibitors.

All exhibitors are expected to adhere to the Exhibitors Code of Conduct (see below). The Diocese of Helena reserves the right to refuse any individual or group from being a vendor/exhibitor, especially if they promote values contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

FEES:

- **Vendor** (Selling Merchandise/Services): \$50*
- **Exhibitor** (No Sales): No charge; Suggested donation of \$50 to *For Youth, By Youth Scholarship*

INSTRUCTIONS:

By March 18, please submit your registration online at diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. With your agreement, you will also need to submit:

- Brief description (150 words) of your organization
- A logo/image of your organization

OYYAM will include your description and logo in its "Vendor/Exhibitor" materials.

Payment may be made online by card when you register. Or, after completing the online registration, you may choose to send payment by check, made payable to "Diocese of Helena" with "Convention Vendor" in the memo, to: Diocese of Helena, Attn: OYYAM, P.O. Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624.

Location: Our Vendor/Exhibitor area is in the PE Center. You may **setup** your table anytime after 3pm on Fri., March 24. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. We suggest being ready to go by no later than 5:30pm (youth will begin arriving as early as 5pm). You may staff your table the entire weekend (Fri.: 5-10pm; Sat.: 8am-11pm; Sun: 8am-1pm). However, the best times to be present will be at check-in and meal times, which can be found in the schedule when you register. You are responsible for all items at your table the entire weekend; we will not provide staff or security to watch your table. The building will be locked overnight.



THE DIOCESE OF HELENA AGREES TO PROVIDE:

- Include your brief description and logo in "Vendor/Exhibitor" materials that will be distributed to participants at check-in.
- OYYAM will provide for each Vendor/Exhibitor: One 6' table, 2 chairs, and access to WiFi internet. If requested in advance, OYYAM will provide access to an electrical outlet.

VENDOR/EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT:

- **Follow any rules**, instructions, or guidelines of the host facility (Carroll College) & the Diocese of Helena.
- **Bring your own materials**, merchandise, equipment, and, where applicable, your own point of sales or other payment processing equipment/resources (e.g. cash).
- **Sound/Music:** exhibitors may use sound if the noise level does not disrupt other vendors or CYC Convention. It is the exhibitor's sole responsibility to obtain any licenses which may be required.
- **Affirm and support the active participation** in CYC Convention and the Eucharistic Congress by youth and adult participants.
- **Exhibit the highest ethical standards**, personal integrity and professional conduct.

Summer 2024

DIOCESE OF HELENA - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



LEGENDARY LODGE

OUR MISSION IS TO ENGAGE, EQUIP, AND SERVE THE YOUNG DISCIPLES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Camp

Junior High 1
High School 1
5/6 Grade Boys
High School 2
Junior High 2
5/6 Grade Girls

Dates

June 16-21
June 23-28
July 7-12
July 14-19
July 21-26
July 28-Aug 2



LEGENDARYLODGE.ORG

JUSTICE OUTREACH PROJECT

A WEEK OF SERVICE, IMMERSION, & CULTURAL EXCHANGE, CENTERED ON CATHOLIC TEACHING. EXPERIENCE: MASS IN GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, FIREWORKS, CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY, & MORE.

Date July 9-14

Location Browning, MT

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LEGENDARY LODGE FAMILY CAMP

FAMILY CAMP IS A THREE DAY/TWO-NIGHT SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE, DESIGNED WITH YOUR FAMILY IN MIND.

ROOTED IN LEGENDARY LODGE'S TIMELESS TRADITION OF LEAVING BEHIND THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE, BEHOLDING THE AWESOME NATURAL BEAUTY OF MONTANA, AND GATHERING IN COMMUNITY FOR PRAYER AND SACRAMENT, FAMILY CAMP IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS AS A COUPLE AND FAMILY UNIT.

EXPECT THE ACTIVITIES OF LEGENDARY LODGE COMBINED WITH INTENTIONAL FAMILY TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT.

Date: June 30-July 2

LEGENDARYLODGE.ORG/FAMILYCAMP





National Eucharistic Congress



DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/NATIONALCONGRESS



The Diocese of Helena is excited to organize a trip to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Individuals, families, and parish groups are encouraged to join us and 80,000+ fellow Catholics from across the country for this inspiring encounter with the Lord, all centered around the Eucharist.

We are better together! Don't go on this pilgrimage alone. An event of this scale takes a lot of coordination. Plans are being continuously made, changed, and updated. We encourage you to check-in periodically with the Diocese and the National Eucharistic Congress websites.

Registration Cost

Adults (18+): \$350

Children (2-18): \$150

Registration cost is for access to the event only (e.g. Your "ticket"). It does *not* include hotel or transportation

Estimated:

Transportation **\$650**
(Airfare per person)

Hotel **\$175**
(Dbl queen per night)

PERTINENT DETAILS

Why go?

This is a pivotal moment in the legacy of the Catholic Church in America. For the first time in a generation, all Catholics in the country are invited to gather as one Church to encounter the living Christ, experience profound renewal, and then sent out on mission for the life of the world. This historic 5-day gathering of missionary disciples will be a new Pentecost, a powerful anointing and personal commission to invite others to know Christ. Will you be there?

Housing: Where can I stay?

You may choose whatever housing option best fits your needs and budget: stay with a friend; book your own hotel; or stay in the nearby hotel where the Diocese has reserved a block of rooms. Rooms will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Instructions for reserving a room in the block will be sent after you register. The estimated cost is \$175 per night for a double queen room.

What is it?

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name—but what happens with 80,000?! The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer, resulting in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending. Each day will include a variety of experiences, including keynotes, workshops, breakout sessions, daily Mass, and more.

Where is it?

Downtown Indianapolis, IN, at the Lucas Oil Stadium (where the Colts play) and the adjacent Convention Center.

Who can go?

We welcome people of all ages! Families are encouraged to participate together. Minors (under 18) must be accompanied by a parent.

Do I have to go with the Diocese?

No. Anyone can coordinate their own trip. What you get by participating with the diocese is: discounted tickets, hotel reservation management, access to liturgies and other activities with Bp. Vetter, assistance with travel coordination, and more.

What does it cost?

Tickets cost \$350 for adults (18+) and \$150 for children (2-18; 0-1 is free) and is paid directly to the Diocese of Helena. All travel and housing expenses are the responsibility of the individual participant/family.

Included in your registration with the Diocese is your ticket to the event and miscellaneous administrative expenses associated with organizing the trip (e.g. food, hospitality and snacks; reserving private meeting space; coordinating diocesan liturgies; etc.)



Questions?

Contact Kevin Molm in the
Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry:
kmolm@dohmt.org - 406.389.7055



Diocese of Helena **Outstanding Youth Award**

Apply online at:
diocesehelena.org/outstandingyouthaward



Description & Instructions

On the occasion of the Diocese of Helena Catholic Youth Coalition Convention, the “Outstanding Youth Award” will be presented to two outstanding youth (one male and one female) from the Diocese of Helena.

Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, courtesy of our sponsors The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena. All nominees will be recognized and the two winners announced at CYC Convention, scheduled for March 22-24, 2024 at Carroll College. All nominations and documents must be RECEIVED by March 4, 2024.

Requirements and award criteria are as follows:

- Candidates must be a Senior in high school.
- Candidates must be from the Diocese of Helena
- He or she should be in good standing in their parish, community, and school.
- He or she should be regularly present at both liturgy and the parish faith formation programs.
- Award winners will be selected based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service and leadership.

To nominate a youth for the award, the parish must submit the following:

1. **Completed Outstanding Youth Award Application** (Candidate name, contact info, etc.)
2. **Letter of recommendation** from the nominee’s Youth Minister, DRE, Pastor, or other adult who is responsible for youth ministry in the nominee’s parish. The endorsement should be 300-500 words and describe the nominee’s commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership.
3. **Submit a written statement** (300-500 words) that answers the following question: *What does “Christian Discipleship, Service, and Leadership” mean to you, and how have you lived out these principles?*
4. **Pastor Endorsement Form**, which must be completed by nominee’s Pastor or Pastoral Administrator.
5. **OPTIONAL:** Resume & 1 additional letter of recommendation. In addition to the youth minister’s letter of recommendation, the nominee may submit one additional letter of recommendation from a non-related adult that describes the nominee’s commitment to Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. This may be from a teacher, employer, parishioner, etc. The nominee may also submit a resume.

Final decisions will be made by the Outstanding Youth Award Committee, an ad hoc group of individuals in our Diocese organized by the Manager of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Only completed applications with all required supporting documents will be considered.

Nominees may be contacted by phone for more information.

Questions? Contact Kevin Molm at 406.389.7055 or kmolm@diocesehelena.org.

All application materials must be received by March 4, 2024.

We prefer that materials be submitted online at diocesehelena.org/outstandingyouthaward

In extenuating circumstances, applications may be sent by mail to the address below

(ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 4, 2024!):

Diocese of Helena
Attn: OYYAM - Outstanding Youth Award PO Box 1729
Helena, MT 59624



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Checklist of Application Materials:

(Submit the following online by March 4, 2024: diocesehelena.org/outstandingyouthaward)

- ☐ Application Form (complete both pages!)
- ☐ Personal Statement (300-500 words)
- ☐ Endorsement Letter from Youth Minister (300-500 words)
- ☐ Pastor Endorsement Form
- ☐ OPTIONAL: Resume and 1 additional Letter of Recommendation

First Name:		Last Name:	
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Email:		Phone:	
Gender:	Graduation Month & Year:	Date of Birth:	
School Name (or "Homeschool")		Cumulative GPA:	
Name of Parish:		Parish Location (Town/City):	
Parent First & Last Name:		Parent Phone:	
Pastor First & Last Name:		Pastor Phone:	
Youth Minister First Name:		Youth Minister Last Name:	
Youth Minister Email:		Youth Minister Phone:	



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List of Activities & Involvement



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The Outstanding Youth Award is based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. Please list your involvement in activities, both within a faith community or in your community at-large (e.g. school, athletics, work, etc.), that demonstrate how you have committed yourself to these values. Include any awards, certificates, leadership roles, offices held, etc. Nominees should be active, at minimum, in their local parish activities (e.g. parish youth group).

Discipleship:

Service:

Leadership

Signature of Nominee:

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

Date



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Pastor Endorsement Form
(Deadline: March 4, 2024)



The Outstanding Youth Award is based on three criteria: Christian discipleship, service, and leadership. Nominees should be active, at minimum, in their local parish faith formation activities. We ask each nominee's pastor or pastoral administrator to complete this form to confirm his/her active involvement in parish life, especially regular attendance at Mass and participation in parish youth ministry and/or faith formation. We also welcome additional comments or a letter of recommendation.

Nominee First Name:	Nominee Last Name:
Pastor First Name:	Pastor Last Name:
Pastor Email:	Pastor Phone:
Parish Name:	Parish Location (Town/City):
Does the nominee regularly attend weekend Mass?	Does the nominee regularly participate in parish youth ministry events/activities?
Does the nominee participate in any parish ministries other than youth ministry/DRE? (Please list them.)	

Comments about the nominee (attach additional pages if necessary):

Signature of Pastor/Administrator:

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

Date

For Youth By Youth Scholarship

Paper Application (submit online at diocesehelena.org/fyby)



The For Youth By Youth Scholarship (FYBY) was created by the CYC Board to foster a community of believers with equal access to OYYAM programs. It was established and continues to be funded through the generous stewardship of both youth and adults. Funds are dispersed based on need and participation in a local parish, with preference given to youth in grades 6-12. The FYBY Scholarship provides up to 50% of the registration cost of an OYYAM event. We encourage the local parish to also assist financially towards the cost.

APPLICANT (YOUTH) INFORMATION

First Name:		Last Name:	
Email:		Grade:	Date of Birth:
Mailing Address:		City/Town:	
Zip:	Phone:	Parish Name:	

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

First Name:	Last Name:
Email:	Phone:
Relationship (e.g. "Mother"):	

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

Name & Date of event for which you are seeking financial assistance:	
Have you ever applied for a FYBY Scholarship before? If "yes," when, for which event(s), and how much were you awarded?	
Please list other OYYAM events you are planning to or have already participated in <i>this</i> year?	
Do you have siblings who will participate in OYYAM events <i>this</i> year? If yes, which event(s) and will they apply for a FYBY scholarship?	

FINANCIAL NEED DECLARATION (THIS IS A NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP.)

I declare that the cost of this event would be a financial burden to my family? (circle one)	I Agree ----- I Disagree
Would you be able to participate in this event if you do not receive any FYBY scholarship aid? (The maximum award is 50% of the registration fee)	Yes ----- No ----- Maybe
On a scale of 1-10, how likely are you to participate in this event if you DO NOT receive any FYBY scholarship funds? (1=Not Likely; 10=Very Likely)	

PASTOR, PARISH/PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR, OR YOUTH MINISTER INFORMATION:

First Name:	Last Name:
Title/Role:	Phone:
Email:	

(To be completed by the applicant's pastor, parish/pastoral administrator, or youth minister.)

1. Do you affirm and support the applicant's participation in this OYYAM event/program? 1. Yes 2. No
2. Will your parish provide financial assistance to the applicant to participate in this event? 1. Yes 2. No 3. I don't know.
3. How would you rate the applicant's participation in parish life? 1. Full 2. Sufficient 3. Some 4. None

Youth Signature: _____

Date _____

Pastor/Youth Minister Signature _____

Date _____

By signing, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and true.

By signing this form I understand that a picture of myself/my child and/or work or projects created by myself/my child (e.g. still pictures, audio/video recording, etc.) may be published in print or online by my parish, school, Legendary Lodge, Diocese, The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Carroll College, or their agents to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church. I also grant Diocese permission to share the information included on the registration form with these or other entities to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church.

Date

Date _____

High School Youth (Grades 9-12) Registration Form



CYC Convention - March 22-24, 2024 - Carroll College

Registration is to be managed by the parish/group leader ("Youth Minister").

Youth group leaders may use this paper registration to gather the necessary information from their youth/parents, then register their group online. *Please do not mail/return physical registrations to the Diocese.* All high school youth participants (grades 9-12) must be accompanied either by a parent/legal guardian or by an adult who meets our Safe Environment (VIRTUS) policies. This is usually the youth minister or other adult volunteer from the parish/school. Contact Kevin Molm with questions: kmolm@diocesehelena.org or 406.389.7055.

Cost: \$100 Youth (Grades 9-12); \$50 for CYC Board & Adult Chaperones

Financial Assistance Available: dohyouth.org/fyby

More information and online registration at:

Payment: Payment is managed by local parish/school.

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First Name:		Last Name:	
(First) Name on Name Badge:	Status (Circle one):	Grade 9 Adult Chaperone	Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12 Priest/Religious
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Email:	Parish Name:		Member of CYC Board? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Phone:	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):	Tshirt Size - Circle One - (All Sizes Adult): XS / Small / Medium / Large / XL / 2XL / 3XL	Sex (Male or Female):
Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Phone:	Relationship (e.g. "Mom"):	Emergency Contact Email:
*Adult Chaperone Name:	Adult Chaperone Phone:	Adult Chaperone Email:	

*All high school youth (grades 9-12) must attend with either a parent/legal guardian or an Adult Chaperone.

Dietary Restrictions or Serious Medical Conditions

Please describe any conditions that need special accommodation or should be known in case of emergency: