



# HANDBOOK

2024




**NCYC**

 Nov. 13-17, 2024

 Long Beach, CA

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**EL CAMINO | THE WAY**



WHETHER YOU TURN TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT, YOUR EARS WILL HEAR A VOICE BEHIND YOU, SAYING, 'THIS IS THE WAY; WALK IN IT.'

ISAIAH 30:21



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## NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. It is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones.



# Quick Facts

Nov. 13-17, 2024 in Long Beach, CA

For High School Youth in **Grades 9-12** and their adult chaperones.

Cost:  
**Registration : \$675**  
**Airfare: \$600**  
 (estimated)  
**Total: \$1,275**

Introducing the 2024 NCYC Pilgrimage  
 NOV 14-16, 2024 | LONG BEACH, CA

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Together

### Registration: [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](https://diocesehelena.org/ncyc)

Cost of registration includes event pass, hotel for 4 nights, one meal each day, snacks, a shirt and other swag. Housing will be assigned 4 youth per room (dbl queen) of the same sex. Adults will be 2 per room (dbl queen) of the same sex.

### Coordinated by local parish/school.

Please do not register as an individual. NCYC is meant to be experienced with a local parish/school. All youth must be accompanied by a Safe Environment (VIRTUS) adult. This is usually the youth minister or other adult volunteer from the parish/school and will also coordinate travel, food, and housing. *Do NOT register through [ncyc.us](https://ncyc.us) if you want to go with our group! Register at [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](https://diocesehelena.org/ncyc).*

### Details:

- Where: Long Beach, CA
- When: Nov. 13 - Travel Day  
 Nov. 14-16 - NCYC  
 Nov. 17 - Travel Day
- Who: High school youth in grades 9-12 & their adult chaperones.
- Housing: Included in registration & coordinated by OYYAM (Check-in Weds.; Check-out Sun.).
- Food: Registration includes one meal each day, plus snacks. You're on your own for all other food.
- Airfare: Travel to/from Long Beach is the responsibility of each parish or school. OYYAM can offer only tips & referrals to travel agents.

📍 Long Beach Convention Center  
 (300 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802)

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🌐 [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](https://diocesehelena.org/ncyc)



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Call Kevin with ?'s



"These moments [like NCYC] of encounter and sharing are widely appreciated, because they offer the possibility of journeying together as if on pilgrimage, of experiencing fraternity with all, of sharing the faith joyfully and growing closer to the Church.

***It therefore becomes important to plan and to experience these gatherings as significant stages of a larger virtuous process."***

*-"Young People, the Faith, & Vocational Discernment"*

## **DEAR PILGRIMS & LEADERS,**

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) is excited to offer the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) to high school youth. This year NCYC will be held November 14-16, in Long Beach, CA.

NCYC is the premiere national Catholic youth event that gathers high school aged Catholic teenagers for a life-changing encounter with Christ. At NCYC, teens pray, build community, learn more about their faith, and are empowered to live it.

This year's theme - El Camino | The Way - is inspired by Isaiah 30:21 and the idea that we are called to be pilgrims of faith and follow the voice of Christ: "but with your own eyes you shall see your Teacher, And your ears shall hear a word behind you: 'This is the way; walk in it.'" (Is 30:18-21). Young people across the country have expressed their thoughts on the idea that walking in faith can be hard at times, there are moments of joy and there are moments of frustration, just like there are deserts and mountains.

What to expect:

- Inspiring Speakers – This year's emcees: Maggie Craig, and Rhyann Ramirez
- Mass & Adoration – Celebrate our faith through liturgy and the Eucharist with thousands of young people
- Music and Worship – Praise and entertainment led by Catholic artists
- Interactive Exhibits – Games, crafts, obstacle courses, meetups, live radio, and podcast shows, and so much more

We are excited to go on this pilgrimage together, with young people from Catholic parishes and schools across the Diocese of Helena. Please contact me with any questions. Find more information and register now at [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](http://diocesehelena.org/ncyc).

God Bless,



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# Youth

We invite you to Long Beach to join the celebration of our faith with thousands of young Catholics from all over the country. You do not want to miss out on this experience.



## Why go?

Saying, "you should go because Jesus wants you to" or "because it's fun" or "because it will change your life," will never be fully convincing. There are plenty of videos, memes, and social media #'s that do a great job of sharing why you should go. Check them out ([ncyc.info](http://ncyc.info)). Then, ask someone who's gone before and have a *conversation*. Trust that the Lord has a plan for you, and we hope it includes you coming with us on this pilgrimage because Jesus wants you to, it's incredibly fun, and it will change your life.

## Who?

NCYC is for any high school youth in grades 9-12 and their adult chaperones. You do NOT have to be Catholic! You must, however, travel with a local parish/group; you may not go alone.

## What is NCYC?

A 3-day experience that features a variety of faith-filled activities, messages of hope and inspiration, all focused around the Sacraments and teachings of the Church. But what do you actually DO at NCYC? Practically speaking, you spend the day choosing your own adventure: attend workshops; play in the activity center; shop for the latest Catholic gear; share your talents at the open mic; visit with Catholic colleges and religious orders; and more. At night we gather as one Church to celebrate Mass, spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, sing praise and more.

## But it's expensive.

Yes. Any pilgrimage takes sacrifice. We will partner with you and your local parish to help you make this pilgrimage financially possible.

Official NCYC website:

(warning: do not purchase your ticket directly from NCYC if you plan to come with us!)

## Why NCYC?



*The National Catholic Youth Conference is a profound experience. It is hard to articulate the lasting impact and power that this three-day event has on the youth who attend. Here is the personal NCYC story of Schola Eburuoh, now an NCYC alum and excited young Catholic.*

**"I truly loved NCYC** and can attest to the transformative love that thousands of young people experienced and witnessed throughout the conference. I am so honored and excited to share my story with you!

I was chosen by an anonymous administrator at my high school to attend NCYC as a sophomore. I was a very shy and timid student, so this surprised me. I was barely acquainted with the others who were chosen, but they each already knew each other pretty well, so I thought to myself, 'will I be lonely on this trip?'...

I was told that I would truly experience God's love in a radical way, but thought, '**can't I do this from the comfort of my home?**' I was so hesitant and caught up in my preconceptions of being "alone." To make matters worse, I was also volunteered to be an ambassador during the conference—at this time, I labeled myself as 'not the type to lead' and I also learned that I would be on a twelve-hour bus ride on my birthday, which was the last day of the conference. To say the least, I was not excited, nor did I appreciate the opportunity to go to NCYC at all.

The bus ride there started to bring me out of my shell as we played games to get to know each other, but upon our arrival, I told myself that all I had to do was get through this weekend, and it'd all be fine. Boy, was I in for it. My group walked into Lucus Oil Stadium in awe as we saw a packed stadium of people our age jamming to a praise and worship band. I had never heard of a Christian concert, so it was breathtaking to see the number of people in the stadium dancing and singing along.

Students in my group wanted to get closer, so we linked arms and made our way to the stage. It was so much fun. After the concert, we prayed together and were introduced to the keynote speakers. I remember on that first day hearing the phrase "open your heart to Jesus" multiple times, and the theme of the conference, "Here I am Lord," really stuck with me throughout the weekend...

I introduced speakers, prayed in small groups with complete strangers, and felt close to them, as if we were family. Even walking and talking to people outside of the convention center was radical to me. Everyone was so kind and had a faith which radiated when they greeted me or listened intently to what I had to say...I was even brought to tears before it was all over...

I remember those days and realize that Christ had spoken to my heart from that very first day, and throughout the rest of the conference. God's intervening hand completely broke my shell and pushed me to see the love that I was missing before that weekend—the love of encounterment, of friendships, and of community. The feeling of community founded upon Christ's immense mercy and love is there and continues to be such a blessing in my friendships. Thank you for this opportunity to share."

God bless,  
Schola Eburuoh, COHS '17, CUA '21

# Group Leaders

"In brief, to accompany requires placing oneself at the disposal of the Spirit of the Lord and of the one accompanied, with all his or her qualities and capacities, and then having the courage to step aside with humility."

-Synod on Young People, the Faith, & Vocational Discernment (101)



- **Register Yourself as a Group Leader:**

One Group Leader per parish/group is required. This does not have to be a paid person (e.g. Youth Minister). It can be any adult (21+) who meets Safe Environment guidelines and agrees to be the main contact between the diocese and those in your group (and their parents).

This means you will be responsible for communicating deadlines, managing registration paperwork, collecting fees, assisting with fund raisers, coordinating travel, etc.

- **Registration: online at [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](https://diocesehelena.org/ncyc)**

**Do NOT register through [ncyc.us](https://ncyc.us)!** If you want to be a part of our group, then register with our group through the [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](https://diocesehelena.org/ncyc) site. If you purchase tickets directly from NCYC, then you are organizing your own trip and will not be included with our group.

Group Leaders will be expected to collect all registration forms and documents. How you manage that process is entirely up to you. The bottom line is that you must get your people registered online at [diocesehelena.org/ncyc](https://diocesehelena.org/ncyc) by the deadlines. If registering your entire group at once, you may pay by credit card or print an invoice to pay by check. Individuals may register online (after communicating with you, of course).

- **Forms & Deadlines:** We have **two deadlines (August 1 & Sept. 23)**. A partially-refundable deposit of \$300 is due by Sept 1. The remaining registration fee (\$375) is due by September 23. Group leaders may set your own deadlines and fees for your group. NCYC is a ticketed event, not a registration, and tickets are limited! Once you purchase a ticket, it cannot be refunded. Therefore, cancellations are subject to the following fees:

- On or before Sept. 1: \$100 cancellation fee
- Sept. 2-Sept. 23: \$300 cancellation fee
- Sept. 23-Nov. 1: \$500 cancellation fee
- After November 1 there is no refund. At any time, however, you may find a substitute to take your place/ticket on the pilgrimage for no additional cost to you.

- **Behavior, Dress Code, & Responsibility:** You - the Group Leader/Chaperone - hold the primary responsibility for your youth and their behavior. As a group of adults, of course, we all work together to ensure a safe environment and will address inappropriateness as needed. OYYAM (Kevin) will be the final authority on serious issues. We reserve the right to send anyone home at their expense for any egregious behavior, including use of alcohol, being in a room of someone of the opposite sex, sneaking out after curfew, etc.

Our operating principle for the dress code is respect: respect for your own body and respect for others. Please dress comfortably; casual is fine (e.g. jeans, tennis shoes, and a tshirt), and you are encouraged to look presentable and in a manner consistent with our Christian values. We will also have a group shirt that you can wear at anytime. Some absolutes that will not be tolerated are: short skirts/pants, revealing or suggestive clothing, words/ads that promote tobacco, alcohol, use vulgar language, or promote values contrary to our faith



# Group Leaders: Travel, Housing, & Misc.

- **Travel, Housing, Food, & Misc.:** Group Leaders will be responsible for planning travel arrangements for their group to/from their home location all the way to/from the hotel. OYYAM can provide suggestions or referrals to travel agents, but you have to decide what works best for your group. Most likely, though, you will fly.

Whatever you do, just make sure that you **arrive by 2pm on Thursday, November 14 and leave after 11pm on Saturday, November 16**. You are highly encouraged to travel on Weds. and Sun. Even if your flight is cancelled/delayed, OYYAM cannot offer discounts or make refunds if you arrive/depart early/late. The closing Mass will conclude on Saturday night at 10pm. Please plan accordingly. There are two relatively close airports:

- Long Beach Airport (LGB) - about a 20 minute drive from Convention Center (in low-traffic)
- Los Angeles Airport (LAX) - about a 30 minute drive from Convention Center (in low-traffic)

**Housing:** Your registration includes 4 nights in a hotel (check-in Weds., -out Sun.). Even if your flight is cancelled/delayed, OYYAM cannot offer discounts or make refunds if you arrive/depart early/late. The closing Mass will conclude on Saturday night about 10pm. Please plan accordingly.



We will know our hotel assignment in late Summer. Housing will be assigned 4 to a room (dbl queen) for youth of the same sex. Adults will be assigned 2 to a room of the same sex (spouses may stay in one room). Roommate request forms will be sent in September, but we cannot guarantee all requests. Youth must never be in a room assigned to the opposite sex. Youth may not stay in the room of any adult who is not a parent/guardian.

**Food:** OYYAM will provide breakfast items (think "continental," like muffins, fresh fruit, pastries, etc.), snacks, and one meal during each day (probably a late dinner after the general session). Otherwise, you will need to coordinate food on your own. There are plenty of options within and around the convention center.

**Extended Stay:** If you want to arrive early/stay late, then you assume all responsibility and liability. You will be expected to follow all diocesan Safe Environment policies, including that no youth may travel unaccompanied.





## Trip vs. Pilgrimage

Planning a great *trip* to see a concert is pretty easy: buy your ticket online, book a flight and hotel, check Yelp for restaurants, and return home with some selfies and fun stories to brag to your friends.

Planning a great *pilgrimage* takes much, much more. NCYC is a pilgrimage, a transformative journey where young people can explore their faith, make choices aligned with their beliefs, and find support in the shared experience of fellow participants. In embracing “El Camino | The Way,” NCYC becomes more than a conference; it becomes a spiritual pilgrimage where young Catholics can feel the presence of God, be empowered to be missionary disciples, and be inspired to walk confidently on the path illuminated by divine guidance.

Make your experience at NCYC a truly transformative encounter with the Lord through intentional planning that helps you and your youth to have a truly life-changing moment of grace. Key differences:

- Pilgrims perceive an **internal dimension** to the pilgrimage, while tourists are concerned with the external journey alone
- **Pilgrims invest themselves**, while tourists avoid a personal commitment
- The focus for **the pilgrim will be affected** by the pilgrimage, while tourists seek to remain untouched on a deep level by their experiences
- Both **the journey and arrival are important** to the pilgrim, while only the arrival matters for a tourist
- **Community is formed** for pilgrims, while it is not a goal for tourists

### INTERNAL - INVESTMENT - CONVERSION - JOURNEY - COMMUNITY

**"Pilgrimages,  
a sign of the  
condition of  
the disciples  
of Christ in  
this world..."**

...have always held an important place in the life of Christians.

In the course of history, Christians have always walked to **celebrate their faith** in places that indicate a memory of the Lord or in sites representing important moments in the history of the Church. They have come to shrines honoring the Mother of God and to those that keep the example of the saints alive.

Their **pilgrimage was a process of conversion**, a yearning for intimacy with God and a trusting plea for their material needs. For the Church, pilgrimages, in all their multiple aspects, have always been a gift of grace"

-Saint John Paul II, *Pilgrimage in the Great Jubilee, 2*



## Get Ready for Adventure



How you prepare for your pilgrimage will influence your experience:

- Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to participate in this journey.
- Begin a Pilgrimage Journal - individually and one for the whole group - to write, draw, record, or reflect on prayers & experiences
- Attend Mass and Reconciliation together
- Set spiritual goals and put them in writing
- Research other popular pilgrimage sites and events (e.g. World Youth Day; Lourdes, France; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico; Walk to Mary Pilgrimage, Wisconsin; Our Lady of the Rockies, Butte)
- Design a group pilgrimage logo, prayer, and motto
- Registration includes a Diocese of Helena shirt and other swag!

## Experience NCYC

You've arrived! Make the most of your time during conference.

Some tips and suggestions:

- Keep your journal going; write down one message from each session
- Set a spiritual goal for each day; write it down in your journal
- Seek some space and time for quiet, silent reflection
- Seek out new people, friends, and experiences
- Sit next to someone new during our daily diocesan-group meetings
- Proclaim the Gospel on your social media accounts
- Set a spiritual goal that you want to continue after your NCYC experience; then, set calendar reminders on your phone to "check-in" on your progress once each month for 1 year
- Take care of your body! Get sleep and eat well during the week. OYYAM will provide breakfast items (think "continental style," like muffins, fresh fruit, pastries, etc.), snacks, and one meal during each day (probably dinner). Otherwise, you/your group leader will need to coordinate food on your own.



## Keep Walking the Faith



Our walk with the Lord never ends. Keep the pilgrimage alive:

- Set a date for a "reunion" dinner with your local parish
- Find an accountability partner to share your spiritual goal with and who can help keep you on track
- Send thank you cards to anyone who helped you get to NCYC (e.g. donors, youth minister, your parents), to any presenter/musician whose message resonated with you, or other pilgrims you met
- Ask your pastor to share a brief (5 minutes or less) testimony after Mass with the congregation about your NCYC experience



*“The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church”  
-Pope Francis,  
Amoris Laetitia, 1*



### **Parents are most welcome at NCYC with their children.**

Experience NCYC with your child and see your relationships bloom, both your relationship with your child and with the Lord.

Especially for those who are unable to attend NCYC with their child, here are some tips and suggestions for encouraging and relating to your child before, after, and during this pilgrimage, along with some of the practical information you need to know:

- **Pray *with* and for your child** (emphasis on "with"). Your witness to the faith will have a vastly greater influence on your child than anything at NCYC.
- **Chaperones & Appropriate Behavior/Apparel:** Appropriate behavior and apparel at NCYC begins with conversations at home when Mom and Dad set clear expectations for their children. In addition, please make sure that your child knows who their Adult Chaperone is, that you exchange contact information, and that your child has read and understands the Code of Conduct.
- **Fund Raising:** Work with your local parish to help raise funds to send your child to NCYC. Certainly, your local faith community has a duty to support your child's faith development, and you and your family also have a responsibility to make sacrifices. Suggestion: one of the best fund raisers for a high school-aged youth is a part-time job!
- The experience of NCYC can be difficult to put into words. Those who did not experience NCYC may find it frustrating when they only get simple answers to probing questions. This is more often because pilgrims are still processing the experience, not that they do not want to share it.

#### **Some conversation starters:**

What was one thing you heard that you do NOT want to forget?

How would you describe your experience?

When did you feel closest to God?

What was the hardest part about going to NCYC? What challenged you?

#### ***Rather than asking...***

- How was it?
- What was the best part?
- What did you do?
- What was your favorite thing?

#### ***Consider asking...***

- What was one thing you will remember?
- What did you journal about?
- What was a prayer experience you enjoyed?
- Did you learn any new songs or prayers?

# Fundraising



*"And I tell you,  
ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door  
will be opened to you."  
-Jesus (Lk. 11:9)*

**Raising funds is hard! You are not alone. Following these principles and steps can help.**

Fundraising isn't a matter of learning salesmanship. It is an attitude, an invitation to allow others to be generous. Meditate on the following scripture passages to form your own attitudes and convictions about fund raising:

- Luke 11:9 - 13 1
- Corinthians 9: 7 - 14
- 2 Corinthians 8: 6 - 15
- Acts 2:44 - 45
- Mark 12:41 - 44
- Matthew - 21:22

Reflect on the following:

What does Scripture say about asking for support?

How can asking for support help me grow in faith?

How can asking someone to support me help them?

How should I handle asking individuals to support me who may not be financially well-off?

# How to fundraise for NCYC 2024

There are countless ideas and ways to fund raise. (A simple online search will give you thousands!) Work with your local parish to see what might work best in your community. Two tried and true fund raising ideas:



- 1) Ask family & Friends (see below)
- 2) Get a part-time job (at \$11 per hour, you need 134 hours, or 9, 15-hour work weeks)

## Asking Friends & Family:

**The first step is to set a goal. Example:**

Registration: \$675

Travel: \$600

Food: \$100

Misc.: \$100

Total: \$1,475

*goal!*

**Next, make a list of people to contact:**

- Family members, friends, priests, people from your parish, etc. Also, think of people whom you admire or who have invested in you in the past.

**Write a letter to send/give to your contacts**

- Make sure to personally sign and addressed each letter!
- See a sample on next page.
- In the letter describe why you want to go to NCYC and invite them to contribute to your pilgrimage by sending a check or money back to you. (Note: checks/donations made to you - as opposed to donating to a parish/school - are a gift to an individual and will not be tax deductible.)
- Include one small return envelope with a stamp and addressed as follows:

First and Last Name

Your Address

Your City, State and Zip

(For Example:)

John Thompson

1234 Main Street

Helena, MT 59601

- Put the letter and the smaller envelope with your address and a stamp into a larger envelope.
- Address the larger envelope to the person (make sure the large envelope matches the personal letter!), stamp it, and send it.

**Follow up!**

- Within 1-2 weeks of sending the letters, call (don't text!) everyone to whom you sent a letter.

**Keep Track and Write a Thank You!**

- Send thank you notes promptly (1-2 days) after someone agrees to sponsor your trip.

**After the Conference...**

- Send out a letter to everyone who sponsored you that shares about your experiences at NCYC. Thank them again for their generosity.

## Sample Phone Conversation

- "Hi Grandma, this is \_\_\_\_\_. How are you doing? (Allow a short time for small talk.) "I am glad you are doing well. I was wondering if you received my letter this week?...You have? GREAT! I am really excited about this opportunity and am calling to see if you would support me on my trip to NCYC."
- If YES (I would like to give): (Ask Grandma): "My goal is to raise \$XXX, and I'm keeping a record of the gifts I receive. Do you have an amount in mind today? ...Thank You! You can make the check payable to me and return it in the envelope I enclosed with the letter."
- If NO (I am unable to give): (Respond warmly and don't end the conversation abruptly): "Grandma, I appreciate your time and I look forward to seeing you at our family reunion this summer."
- \*\*Don't forget to send a thank you note within 24-48 hours of receiving a "yes" on the phone!\*\*



# Sample letter to contacts...

**(HAND WRITE):**

"Dear Grandma,"

As you may know, I am currently a [year in school - e.g. "Sophomore"] a [school name]. God has blessed my high school years, making them positive and truly enjoyable. In addition to all of my activities at school, I also participate in my youth group at [name of your parish] here in [name of home town/where your parish is located].

At youth group I heard about the National Catholic Youth Conference happening in Long Beach, CA, next November 14-16, 2024. NCYC is the largest gathering of Catholic high school youth in the country! In a distinctly Catholic setting, NCYC invites participants to encounter Christ, experience church, and be empowered for discipleship. NCYC is the largest gathering of Catholic high school youth in the country! In a distinctly Catholic setting, NCYC invites participants to encounter Christ, experience church, and be empowered for discipleship.

**You may type the body of the letter, but hand-written is better:**

This three-day event features some of the best Catholic speakers in the nation, and it is designed to help high school youth like me who are seeking God's will in our lives.

NCYC will provide me with so many opportunities:

- To grow in my love for Jesus and the Catholic Church
- To spend time with many bishops, priests, religious, and thousands of other young people from around the country
- To hear from prominent Catholic speakers as they discuss issues pertinent to us high school students
- To learn how to live my Catholic faith

I am very excited about NCYC. To attend, I need [insert fundraising goal here] total (which includes my conference registration, hotel, food and transportation to and from Long Beach). I invite you to make a contribution to sponsor my pilgrimage to this event. Any amount you are able to give toward this cause is greatly appreciated. I am praying that 15 people will assist me with a gift between \$50 and \$100.

Please send your gift back to me using the envelope provided. Make checks payable to [Your Name]. I will be in contact with you soon to answer any questions! Of course, you can call me at [insert phone number here]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely in Christ,

**(HAND WRITE):** [sign your name here]

# NCYC 2024



## Long Beach, CA - November 13-17

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE. This paper registration form is for Group Leaders to use as a way to gather all of the information needed in order to register participants online. (Do not submit a physical copy to OYYAM.)

First Name:		Last Name:			
(First) Name on Name Badge:	Status (Circle one):	Grade 9	Grade 11	Young Adult (18-20)	
		Grade 10	Grade 12	Adult (21+)	
Address:					
City/State/Zip:					
Email:			Phone:		
Sex (Male or Female):	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):		Ethnicity:		
Shirt Size (All sizes "Adult):	Primary Language:		Parish Name:		
Emergency Contact First Name:			Emergency Contact Last Name:		
Emergency Contact Email:			Emergency Contact Phone:		
Emergency Contact Relationship (e.g. "Mom"):		Adult Chaperone Name (for those in grades 9-12):			

Dietary Restrictions or Serious Medical Conditions:

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

# Code of Conduct, Medical Consent, & Media Release

## **PARTICIPANT CONDUCT & MEDICAL CONSENT RELEASE STATEMENTS**

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission for me/my son/daughter (Participant) to attend and participate in the 2024 National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC) in Long Beach, CA, on November 13-17, 2024, which will require transportation away from my home church. As a legal adult myself or the parent/legal guardian of Participant, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by Participant. I agree on behalf of myself/my child, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend my parish/school and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena, Diocese of Helena (Diocese), adult chaperones, and representatives associated with NCYC, arising from or in connection with me/my child attending NCYC or in connection with any illness, injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its directors and agents, and the Diocese, chaperones or its representatives for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, Participant is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of me/my child. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport me/my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital/doctor.

I/my child agrees to abide by all rules attached to NCYC. Specific behaviors that are not permitted include but are not limited to: fighting, obscene language, not adhering to housing guidelines or chaperone instructions, offensive or revealing clothing, and the use/possession of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons. I also understand that if Participant violates any of the rules, Participant may be required to leave the activity at his/her own expense, and Participant's parent/guardian will be notified of all violations and/or inappropriate or unsafe behavior.

Event directors and adult chaperones have the authority to prohibit video camera or other forms of image-recording devices, as appropriate, to prevent distractions or to protect against violating the privacy of participants. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of such equipment for the duration of NCYC and/or dismissal from the event(s).

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, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), 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.

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Participant (Youth/Adult) Signature                      Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature    Date

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Participant Name (Please Print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

## **ADULT DIOCESAN POLICY STATEMENT** (Required of all adult participants - 18 years of age or older):

I hereby attest that I have read or been informed of and agree to comply with the provisions of the Diocese of Helena's Policy Regarding Child Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, and Sexual Harassment (Policy). I am already compliant, or will be before November 1, 2024, and will remain compliant with the Policy through November 2024, including completing the Protecting God's Children Program (VIRTUS), or my home diocese's equivalent program, and submitting to a background check through my parish or Catholic school.

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Adult Participant Name (Please Print)

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Adult Participant Signature    Date