

National Catholic Youth Conference 2019

St. Barbara Parish Packet for NCYC 2019/Indianapolis, Ind.

Your St. Barbara Parish Personal Packet includes:

1. Overview of NCYC 2019
2. Registration, Cost and Fees
3. Francis Fund Scholarship information
4. Hotel, transportation, contact, trading item and parish apparel information
5. Form A: Individual NCYC 2019 Registration due by January 4, 2019

Overview of NCYC 2019

This biennial event features:

1. This is a pilgrimage of faith. The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is an exciting, biennial three day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones, clergy and bishops. The schedule includes general sessions, and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics including Catholic spirituality and prayer, social justice issues, sexuality, media and leadership.
2. The event is a powerful prayer and liturgy experience by and for young people that includes adoration, confession, and liturgies.
3. Don't forget about the nationally recognized speakers and performers offering keynotes and concurrent sessions covering topics for youth and adults, as well as Christian musicians, bands and concerts every day and evening.
4. The conference is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry located in Washington, D.C., and coordinated for us by the Diocese of Greensburg Office for Faith, Family and Discipleship.
5. The conference is attended by archdiocesan and diocesan contingencies from across the country. A parish or Catholic School cannot attend this conference on their own.
6. As a parish we will prepare to attend this pilgrimage by gathering the youth and adults together in prayer, reflection, service and community building experiences through events and other opportunities. Participation is expected, appreciated, highly encouraged and may be required.
7. The director of youth ministry will prepare adult chaperones of our parish on a selected date as the conference draws closer. Although, this is lead by the youth minister, material will be provided by the Diocese of Greensburg Office for Faith, Family and Discipleship. All chaperones are required to have required PA and diocesan clearances.
8. A parent and pilgrim send-off event will be held in a central location in Fall 2019, to offer final information to all parents, pilgrims and group leaders and to commission pilgrims for their journey to Indianapolis. The event is required.
9. We will be traveling to Indianapolis on Wednesday. Departure is typically scheduled for 4:00 p.m.
10. The NCYC closing liturgy will be celebrated Saturday night, bringing a close to the three day conference. The Diocese of Greensburg will leave directly from the closing liturgy to travel back to Pennsylvania. Arrival time ~ 6:00 a.m.



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11. NCYC features a huge thematic/interactive park - a HUGE festival village inside the convention center where hundreds of exhibitors, musicians, games, vendors and learning centers of all types will be available throughout the conference. You must see it to believe it!
12. Saturday afternoon is designated to dances, concerts and other programs that will take place in the conference complex – so there is no need to create other site seeing plans while in Indianapolis.
13. Our parish group will gather at one point during the conference for at least two meals 'all together' at a downtown restaurant. This will be planned in advance.
14. We have a diocesan coordinating team to help with every facet of this event during the prep period and the conference itself.
15. You can follow NCYC 2019 in many different facets, including our parish's social media outlets, NCYC 2019 social outlets, and through the NCYC website at www.ncyc.info.

Trip Package | How much does NCYC cost?

The Diocese of Greensburg Package includes:

- NCYC Registration Fee
- Lodging
- All Meals
- Taxes and Tips
- Diocesan apparel (T-shirt, sweatshirt, hat, etc.)
- Motor Coach Transportation
- Pre-Event Celebration
- Trading Items

Before Francis Fund Grant	After Francis Fund Grant
\$785 with 4 to 6 youth per room	\$550 with 4 to 6 people per room
\$785 with 4 adults per room	
\$855 with 3 adults per room	
\$970 with 2 adults per room	

PLEASE NOTE: Your individual NCYC registration fee may be eligible for the Francis Fund Scholarship. For those eligible, the Francis Fund Scholarship will reduce your total cost by \$235. See the adjusted price (above). Francis Fund applications will be due in May 2019. Francis Fund eligibility for adults is limited.

Other Costs: You may wish to bring spending money for NCYC souvenirs and other merchandise available from vendors at the conference.

Registration/Payment Deadlines

Deposit	\$100/person	Present to January 4, 2019
Second Payment	\$100/person	February 22
Third Payment	\$150/person	April 26
Fourth Payment	\$150/person	June 21
Final Payment	Remaining balance	September 1

Please make all checks payable to St. Barbara Parish with NCYC denoted in the memo line. NCYC payments can also be made via WeShare at our website www.stbarbara.org.

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Diocesan Fees | Cancelations, Refunds and Changes

Please make sure that you have read and are aware of the following fees:

- ✚ Deposits are non-refundable.
- ✚ Additions/Substitutions after September 1, 2019, will be charged a \$35 fee.
- ✚ Cancellations (without substitutions) after September 1, 2019, will be refunded 50% of total cost of trip.
- ✚ Cancellations (without substitutions) after October 15, 2019, will not be refunded.

Hotel Information

This information is being finalized. Additional information will be forthcoming to those who register. Our hotel is always four or five star. In 2017, our hotel was brand new.

Transportation

The NCYC 2019 package includes motor coach transportation throughout the NCYC pilgrimage. This includes motor coach transportation from the hotel to Lucas Oil Stadium and convention center, which host NCYC 2019 events.

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Trading Items

Trading items are a big part of the NCYC experience. Diocesan trading items have been included in your cost for NCYC 2019. Items range from unique varieties of stickers, bracelets, hats, pins, buttons, glow sticks, necklaces, etc. All items represent an important part of the diocese in which the youth come from. For example, in 2015 we traded Arnold Palmer drink packets for water bottles. Other dioceses have traded some of the following in years past. Heinz Pickle Pins (Diocese of Pittsburgh), mini bottles of Tabasco sauce (Archdiocese of New Orleans); Statue of Liberty buttons (Archdiocese of New York).

We will fundraise to help defray the cost of additional trading items, which are a vital part of NCYC. Ideas and donations are always highly encouraged and welcomed!



Parish Apparel

Our tradition at St. Barbara is to design or select a t-shirt that can be worn on our travels to the NCYC destination the first day. Shirts will be finalized once we have a final count of participants.

