



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

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NCYC

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Kansas City, Missouri

November 19 – 22, 2009

Depart November 19 AM– time and location to be announced.

Return November 22 PM – time and location to be announced.

Cost: \$480.00 per person

\$100.00 DEPOSIT DUE JULY 1, 2009

BALANCE DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

Registration form and \$100 deposit due July 1, 2009 downtown.

Parish deadline to allow processing time is June 28th.

Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Church. Fees are collected at the parish level and one check submitted to the Archdiocese.

To apply for financial assistance complete the financial assistance request form and submit to St. Gabriel Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Office.

Forms to be completed are:

- Youth Registration form
- Youth Code of Conduct Form
- Financial Assistance form if applicable

The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church

Catechetical Year 2008-2009



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“Christ Reigns”

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the National Catholic Youth Conference?

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. The schedule includes general sessions and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics as well as opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities such as concerts, a dance, and comedy club. The thematic park is a unique venue incorporating traditional exhibits with interactive educational and recreational activities.

Arrival and Departure

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis may have up to 5 departure locations (TBA) and will depart the morning of Thursday, November 19, 2009 via 54-passenger motor coaches and will return in the afternoon of Sunday, November 22, 2009.

All passengers are allowed one suitcase + one carry-on, and asked to bring a sack lunch and snacks as there will be no meal stops.

Accommodations

Hotel accommodations will be at the ***Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex*** and the costs are as follows:

4 in a room is \$480 per person

3 in a room is \$520 per person (*adults only*)

2 in a room is \$595 per person (*adults only*)

All youth will be 4 to a room. In addition, youth ages 14-18 *and still in High School* are to be housed separately from adults and young adults (ages 18-21 *who are High School Graduates*). Young adults are neither participants nor chaperones; they are considered “peer mentors” and are to be housed by themselves.

Meals

The Archdiocese will provide Thursday, November 19, 2009 dinner and a late-night pizza party Saturday, November 21, 2009. All the rest of the meals are on your own including a sack lunch for Thursday, November 19, 2009 and snacks for the bus.

Location

The Conference will take place at the ***Kansas City Convention Center***

Q. How much does it cost and what if I have to cancel?

A. The following costs cover the conference registration fee (\$195), motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations for 3 nights stay, Thursday dinner, Saturday pizza party, t-shirts and back pack:

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A \$100 deposit is required with Registration on July 1, 2009 and is **non-refundable**; however, it is transferable.

Refunds after September 1, 2009 will be determined on a case by case basis. All efforts should be made by the parish to find a substitute in the event of a cancellation. If a substitute is not found, the parish will be reimbursed 50% up through October 8, 2009. No refund will be given after October 8, 2009.

Participants are to pay the parish and the parish is to send a group check to the Archdiocese for the initial deposit and for the balance.

Q. What if the participant needs medication?

A. All medication (prescription and non-prescription) of Youth Participants should be brought in the original container, clearly labeled with directions and given to the Adult Chaperone to be kept in a locked box for security reasons. Youth may keep inhalers. Stocking over-the-counter medications for group use is not allowed. First aid kits are to be available on every motor coach. Please notify the Archdiocese if refrigeration is needed for medications.

Q. What if the participant has allergies, special physical, emotional or dietary needs?

A. Please indicate on the registration form and notify the Archdiocese prior to departure date.

Q. Can the participant bring cell phones, iPods or other electronics?

A. We encourage youth participants not to bring any electronics due to the fact that they might get lost or stolen. The Archdiocese is not responsible for these items; and in an emergency, an adult chaperone will have a cell phone for them to use.

MORE INFO ON ELECTRONIC ITEMS

REMINDER: ARCHDIOCESE OR ST. GABRIEL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

St. Gabriel will allow students to bring cell phones and IPODs. Chaperones will have a list of student phone numbers for communications. We have found from past experience texting is a great way to communicate during the conference. St. Gabriel takes no responsibility if the student exceeds phone or texting minutes. Please be sure to review your plan and let your student know what is allowed.

We reserve the right to collect cell phones at night and to confiscate the phone if the phone privilege is abused.