

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE NCYC YOUTH REGISTRATION PACKET



In the pages that follow, you will find all of the documents necessary to allow your child to register for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. This packet includes the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry event waiver that was published on August 14th. This packet has been designed to minimize the effort necessary to complete the initial registration as well as the Diocesan waivers and permissions required for NCYC:

ALL FORMS IN THIS PACKET MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED.

Please note that the fields that follow are fillable. In other words, each field can be filled by checking it, then using your keyboard to type in the necessary information. Once downloaded (please do not fill in the forms via your browser) the fields will appear blue, and your computer should place a cursor in the box that will allow you to easily type your name. If you are unable to do this, you may have to print these forms and fill them in by hand.

It is important to note that you may not be able to **save a completed form**. You must complete the form and then print it—information entered into each field may not be saved by your .pdf software. This means the forms should be completed at the same time, rather than in stages.

Finally, **diocesan forms must be signed where indicated**. Please do not type your name into the signature lines as this will not satisfy legal requirements for a signature. After completing and printing the forms, you must sign and date where indicated.

The following checklist will allow you to track your progress:

- NCYC Participant Registration Form (page 1)
- NCYC Youth Code of Conduct (pages 2 and 3)
- Diocesan Event Waiver (page 4)
- Diocesan Medical Information Form (page 5)
- NFCYM/NCYC Legal Agreement Form (pages 6 and 7)

Should you have any questions regarding these forms, please contact Steve Dabrowski (sdabrowski@evdio.org).

**DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
2021 NCYC YOUTH PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM**

Legal First Name: _____ Name for Badge: _____

Last Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Grade for 2019/2020 School Year: 9

Mailing Address: _____ 10

City: _____ 11

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ 12

Parish/Church Name: _____ Parish/Church Office City: _____

Participant Mobile (Cell) Number: _____ May the participant receive SMS (text) messages from group leaders? Yes No

Participant E-Mail Address: _____ Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Mother/Guardian First Name: _____ Mother/Guardian Last Name: _____

Mother/Guardian E-Mail Address: _____ Different Address than Participant? Yes No

Father/Guardian First Name: _____ Father/Guardian Last Name: _____

Father/Guardian E-Mail Address: _____ Different Address than Participant? Yes No

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Ethnicity (Select One):

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black
- Hispanic
- Native American
- White
- Multi-Ethnic
- Not Known
- Other

Primary Language:

- English
- Spanish
- ASL
- Other: _____

T-Shirt Size:

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large
- XX-Large
- XXX-Large
- Other: _____

Does the participant have any special needs?

- Sign Language Interpreter
- Enhanced Listening Device
- Large Print Program
- Braille Program
- Scooter Rental Needed
- Early Stadium Access due to Mobility
- Mobility Assistance from Stadium to Convention Center
- Low Gluten Host

Has the participant

attended NCYC previously?

- Yes
- No

NCYC Youth Code of Conduct

(excerpted from *Safeguarding God's Children: NFCYM Policies for Protecting Young People*)

Youth participants will:

- Project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone and to the property around them through language, dress, and behavior
- Refrain from inappropriate touching and verbal harassment
- Respect other persons and/or property
- Refrain from actions that could result in injury and/or damage to property
- Adhere to stated curfew
- Wear appropriate credentials in order to gain and maintain access to NFCYM events and activities
- Keep their personal belongings with them at all times
- Attend all scheduled activities, arriving promptly, and staying for the entire event
- Be aware of noise levels in lobbies, hallways, and sleeping areas, especially later in the evenings
- Maintain the spirit of the event
- Report problems of any kind to a trusted adult

Youth participants will not:

- Possess weapons of any kind
- Purchase, possess, consume, or distribute alcohol
- Purchase, possess, consume, or distribute illegal drugs
- Engage in any form of sexual activity or peer sexual harassment
- Purchase, download, possess, or distribute pornography
- Visit or gather in hotel rooms with the opposite gender

Youth participants will be aware of what are and *are not* appropriate behaviors in terms of relationships between adults and youth, and with their peers:

The following behaviors are generally considered appropriate at an NFCYM event:

- Side hugs
- Shoulder to shoulder or “temple” hugs
- Handshakes
- “High-fives” and hand slapping
- Verbal praise for a job well-done (not regarding physical attributes)
- Touching hands, faces (usually in context of a blessing), shoulders, and arms of minors
- Arms around shoulders
- Holding hands while walking with younger minors
- Sitting beside younger minors
- Kneeling or bending down for hugs with younger minors
- Holding hands during prayer
- Pats on the head when culturally appropriate

The following behaviors are generally considered inappropriate at an NFCYM event:

- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces
- Kisses on the mouth
- Holding children on the lap who are capable of sitting on their own
- Touching bottoms, chests, or genital areas
- Showing affection in isolated areas of a facility such as bedrooms, restrooms, bathrooms, closets, staff-only areas, or other private rooms
- Being in or on a bed with an adult
- Touching knees or legs of minors
- Wrestling with minors
- Tickling minors
- Piggyback rides
- Any type of massage given by minor to adult or another minor
- Any type of massage given by adult to minor
- Any form of unwanted affection or peer sexual harassment
- Compliments or put downs that relate to physique or body development
- Going to an isolated area away from the group, or being taken to an isolated area by an adult or peer

If a problem of any kind occurs during an NFCYM-sponsored youth event, young people will immediately go to a trusted adult to discuss the matter.

Youth and parents understand that failure to agree to and abide by the Youth Code of Conduct will bar youth from participation in any NFCYM-sponsored youth event.

Youth Participant Sanctions for Non-Compliance

For the most part NFCYM never has direct responsibility for chaperoning the conduct of youth participants in its programming and events. NFCYM relies on group leaders from participants' home dioceses or other chaperones to ensure that every young person attending an NFCYM-sponsored event is aware of the Youth Code of Conduct and the sanctions for non-compliance. Group leaders, chaperones, and/or parents bear the responsibility for sharing this information with youth participants. Their failure to do so does not excuse any inappropriate behavior on the part of youth participants nor does it affect NFCYM's ability to levy sanctions. Youth participants are held to the Youth Code of Conduct regardless.

If a young person violates the Youth Code of Conduct, any or all of the following sanctions may be implemented:

- Reporting of misconduct to local authorities, if the violation in any way violates local ordinances or laws.
- Dismissal of the youth from the NFCYM event or program by requesting that the group leader remove the youth from the event (whereby it would become the responsibility of the group leader/chaperone/parent to ensure timely, accompanied, and safe transportation home).

DIOCESAN EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE (REV. 7/14)

Youth's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parish/School/Program: _____ City: _____

Event: 2021 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Date(s): November 18-20, 2021

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above named youth, hereby give my/our approval for his/her participation in the above event. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the event. I/We do further hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, _____ Parish, _____ Pastor, and any of their respective affiliates, successors, agents, employees, members, and representatives, adult sponsors, and other volunteers involved in the activities and transportation associated with the event from any and all claims, including claims of personal injury to my/our youth or property damage, under any theory of law (including negligence, but not reckless or intentional conduct) in any way resulting from or arising in connection with the activities and/or transportation to and from the event.

It is understood and agreed that neither the Parish, the Catholic Diocese of Evansville, any respective affiliate, successor, agent, employee, member, representative, adult sponsor, nor other volunteer is the insurer of my child's health and safety while he/she is at youth functions, engaged in supervised activities, including sports, or being transported in association with the event. I/We understand it to be my/our obligation to provide such insurance as I/we may desire to purchase to protect myself/ourselves and my/our child against the costs of sickness or injury.

In case of emergency or serious illness, should the above-named child require medical treatment, and neither a parent nor the designated family physician can be contacted, consent is hereby granted for such medical treatment as may be considered necessary in the opinion of the attending physician.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SIGNATURE RELIEVES DIOCESAN AND/OR PARISH PERSONNEL OF ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PRESCRIBED MEDICATION LISTED ON THE DIOCESAN MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM (INCLUDING OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS).

Further, I/we acknowledge having read, or been made aware of the Diocesan Youth and/or Adult Codes of Conduct, the Diocesan Release for Media Recording, and the Diocesan Off-site Transportation Policy, and I/we agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set forth in those documents (copies available via www.evdio.org/diocesan-forms-for-oyaya.html). I acknowledge and understand that any action on behalf of my/our child/dependent that is inconsistent with the Diocesan Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in those documents.

I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE (REV. 7/12)

Youth's Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City, State, Zip)

Parent/Guardian
to Call in Emergency: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

If Parent/Guardian
CANNOT be reached: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

Family Physician: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

Family Insurance Carrier: _____
(Print Name) (Phone)

Insurance Policy Number: _____

Are parents living together: Yes. No.

With whom does child live? Mother. Father. Other: _____

Is anyone, by court order or decree, designated as the sole, custodial parent? If so, list:

List anyone restrained from picking up child: _____

I understand it is my responsibility to keep the youth minister informed about such matters and to provide copies of relevant court orders and decrees to officials.

List any chronic or existing disease or medical problems (e.g. diabetes, asthma, epilepsy):

List any medications your child is taking on a regular basis:

Should it become necessary, please list any instructions for care of the above:

Place "X" in box if it is **NOT** acceptable for your child to be provided over-the-counter medications (e.g., commonly used pain, allergy, or nausea medications).

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NFCYM/NCYC LEGAL AGREEMENT

YOUTH PARTICIPANT

GENERAL RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, LIABILITY WAIVER, AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT

(Arch)Diocese of Evansville

Parish/School _____

Instructions: No minor will be permitted to attend National Catholic Youth Conference ("NCYC") sponsored by National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, Inc. ("NFCYM") until s/he and her/his parent/guardian execute this Legal Agreement. **By signing this Legal Agreement, you freely and voluntarily agree you are giving up legal rights and remedies available to yourself and your family. Read and complete this Legal Agreement carefully. If you have questions, contact an attorney. No changes can or will be made to this document.** Because it contains emergency contact information, IT IS ADVISABLE FOR THE MINOR TO KEEP A COPY OF THIS SIGNED LEGAL AGREEMENT IN HIS/HER NAME BADGE AT ALL TIMES DURING NCYC.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Complete Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

A) Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Numbers:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: _____

B) If "A" Unavailable, Alternate Emergency Contact Name and Telephone Numbers:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: _____

Nature of NCYC Event: I understand the nature of this private NCYC event sponsored by NFCYM and its member Roman Catholic Dioceses is: it will be held at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium ("Facilities"), Indianapolis, Indiana, from November 18-20, 2021, some 23,000 youth and adults will attend over three days, and as a condition of using Facilities, Facilities require NFCYM to retain security and medical personnel whose actions are beyond NFCYM's control. NCYC will be in session from 12 PM-10:30 PM on day one and 7:30 AM-10:30 PM on days two and three, excluding breaks for meals and/or recreational activities.

Nature of Risks: I understand: a) voluntarily traveling to and attending an event of this nature may involve certain risks beyond the reasonable control of NFCYM, its officers, directors, volunteers, and agents in connection with NCYC ("NFCYM et al.") and Diocese and all parishes within it, and their respective officers, directors, volunteers, agents, and chaperones, or representatives associated with NCYC ("Diocese et al."), including but not limited to accidents, emergencies, exposure to reckless conduct of other persons, and/or negligence of security and medical personnel, and b) NFCYM et al. and Diocese et al. disclaim any and all responsibility for any such risks. I understand my child will sometimes be at Facilities and at other times at other places such as hotels, restaurants, or on excursions in or about Indianapolis. During any break in NCYC, there will be opportunities to participate in recreational or other activities away from Facilities. Whether at Facilities or away, my child participates at our own risk and subject to all terms and conditions of this Legal Agreement, and/or set by any recreational or other provider.

General Release & Waiver of Liability/Covenant Not to Sue & Hold Harmless: By signing this Agreement, I agree and acknowledge I am giving up important legal rights and remedies available to myself, my child's other parent if known or living, my child named herein, and our heirs, successors, and assigns. This is a "General Release" which means we are giving up and releasing important legal rights described below, and it is to be construed in the broadest possible manner.

For value received, I agree on behalf of myself, my child's other parent if known or living, my child named herein, and our heirs, successors, and assigns ("Our Behalf") I assume all risks and generally release and waive any liability of any nature whatsoever against, and agree to hold harmless, NFCYM et al. and the Diocese et al. with respect to any and all actions, claims, or demands that may be made or brought on Our Behalf against NFCYM et al. and/or the Diocese et al. arising out of or in connection with my child's travel to or attendance at NCYC, or any other activity my child may engage in while in the Indianapolis area. In addition, and not by way of limitation, I further agree to abide by any terms and conditions imposed by name badges or credentials, e.g., permission to photograph and record.

A "Covenant Not to Sue" is a legal term that means a person promises not to file a lawsuit. It is different from the General Release of claims above. Besides waiving and releasing the claims covered above, I covenant on Our Behalf not to sue and promise never to file or prosecute any legal claim of any kind against NFCYM et al. and Diocese et al. in any federal, state, or municipal court, asserting any claims that are released by this Agreement. I am also waiving on Our Behalf any right to monetary recovery.

Further, for value received, for any injury to third parties that may arise because of my child's actions or omissions, I agree on Our Behalf to hold harmless and indemnify and defend NFCYM et al. and Diocese et al. with respect to any and all actions, claims, expenses, or demands arising therefrom that may be made or brought against NFCYM et al. and/or the Diocese et al., including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

OVER--THIS FORM CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE.

NFCYM/NCYC LEGAL AGREEMENT: GENERAL RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, LIABILITY WAIVER, AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT (YOUTH) - continued

Any disputes under this Legal Agreement will be governed by Indiana law without regard to conflicts, and the venue will be in Indianapolis, Indiana. I agree on Our Behalf to resolve by mediation prior to filing any court action.

Medical Permissions (Limited): As a condition attending NCYC at Facilities, on Our Behalf, I grant permission in the event of an emergency or accident for emergency medical care to be administered to my child within Facilities and/or during or after transportation to a hospital or doctor for emergency medical care. I understand that in Indiana a person may claim Good Samaritan defenses for providing in good faith gratuitous emergency care at the scene of any emergency or accident. I further understand a) it is not the responsibility of NFCYM et al. or Diocese et al. to attempt to reach my child’s emergency contacts, and b) I remain responsible for my child’s medical expenses. In the event it comes to the attention of the medical personnel or the Diocese et al. that my child complains of illness, I grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as aspirin, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child by medical personnel or the Diocese et al.

NFCYM Code of Behavior for Children: Parent/Guardian: I agree to instruct my child to abide by all rules and regulations as outlined by NFCYM, particularly the *Youth Participant Code of Conduct* ("Code") (nfcym.org/youthprotection) and *Behavior Guidelines for the NCYC* ("Guidelines") (nfcym.org/ncycbehavior). I understand it is my legal duty to review and explain Code and Guidelines to my child prior to signing this Agreement. I agree that if my child fails in any way to abide by Code or Guidelines, my child can be dismissed from NCYC and sent home immediately with no right of reimbursement or refund for any amount in connection therewith from NFCYM et al. or Diocese et al.

Initials of Parent/Guardian _____

Youth: As a participant in NCYC, I agree to conform to the *NFCYM Youth Participant Code of Conduct* (nfcym.org/youthprotection) and *Behavior Guidelines for the NCYC* (nfcym.org/ncycbehavior). I also understand and agree that my parent/guardian will be notified of any infractions requiring my dismissal from NCYC, and I will be sent home at my parent's/guardian's expense. Among other things, being found with any alcoholic beverages, drugs, or weapons is cause for automatic dismissal from NCYC.

Initials of Youth _____

NCYC Fee Nonrefundable: I agree that if my child suffers an illness requiring dismissal from NCYC, there is accident or emergency requiring dismissal of my child from NCYC, my child commits an infraction of Code, or if NCYC must be discontinued in event of accident or emergency, my child must return home at my expense, and I assume the risk of any loss of any nonrefundable or additional costs associated with travel and fees for NCYC, with no right of reimbursement or refund for any amount in connection with therewith from NFCYM et al. or the Diocese et al.

Insurance: NFCYM urges you to purchase travel or other insurance to cover the risks you have assumed under this Legal Agreement. Please indicate below:

- YES**, I have purchased a travel or other insurance package to manage any risks I may experience by attending NCYC.
- NO**, I knowingly declined to purchase an insurance package and acknowledge that I declined this risk management opportunity.

I fully understand the consequences of and sign this **LEGAL AGREEMENT - GENERAL RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, LIABILITYWAIVER, AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT** knowingly, freely, and willingly. If any provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. I understand this Legal Agreement must be printed then signed by hand. Failure to notarize does not diminish legal validity of this Legal Agreement. A typed name does not constitute a signature.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Youth _____ Date _____

NOTARY (Mandatory only if Required by Diocesan Policy)

City/County of _____; State of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 2021, before me personally appeared the adult named hereinabove, who is personally known to me or produced positive identification, and who executed the foregoing LEGAL AGREEMENT – GENERAL RELEASE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, LIABILITY WAIVER, AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT, and acknowledged that s/he executed the same as her/his free act and deed.

Signature of Notary Public: _____

[NOTARIAL SEAL]

My commission expires: _____