



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Dear Parish NCYC Coordinator,

I am writing to inform and invite you, your high school youth, and adults from your parish(es) who work with youth, to participate in an exciting 4-day national event that will take place in November of 2017.

This event is known as, the National Catholic Youth Conference or NCYC. NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry for youth in grades 9-12. It is held bi-annually in late fall of odd-numbered years. The next NCYC is November 16-18, 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana with a theme of; **“Called.” (see brochure)**

Approximately 25 thousand youth and adults gather with several US Bishops to celebrate being Catholic. Participants enjoy Mass, prayer services, reconciliation and adoration opportunities, workshops, exhibits, games, music, fellowship, and service.

The Diocese of Saint Cloud has had hundreds of youth participate in this event in the past. Bishop Kettler is encouraging our youth to gather with him in Indianapolis with and to participate in NCYC 2017.

Enclosed is a brochure outlining our trip and the major costs associated with NCYC. Our trip, organized through Catholic Education Ministries, entails bus transportation, lodging, NCYC registration fees, diocesan t-shirt, some meals including a Diocesan meal, our Region 8 Liturgy and more. Let me know if you would like me to send you a DVD hard copy of the promo. You can view it online at the websites below. The enclosed brochure is also available to download at our website.

I welcome you to contact me for assistance in customizing your trip. Please know that I want to be as flexible as possible in planning this event for you and your parish. With flexibility in mind and willingness to work with each of you, all registrations for NCYC must still come through CEM.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about NCYC, registration deadlines, and any of your planning efforts. Be sure to visit [www.stclaudio.org/youth](http://www.stclaudio.org/youth) and <http://ncyc.nfcym.org/> for more info. I look forward to working with you and our trip to Indianapolis.

With you in ministry,

Kent Schmitz  
Consultant for Youth Ministry  
and Religious Education



## Other Information

- Transportation: Coach Busses – Trobec 12-14 hrs
- Leave Wednesday Morning, November 15, 2017 from various locations in Diocese.
- Arrive in Indianapolis Wednesday Evening
- Staying at: Hotels – TBD around Indianapolis
- Depart for Minnesota: after closing liturgy Saturday evening or early Sunday Morning.
- Arrive back in Minnesota Sunday, November 19th
- Cost of trip \$650 each
  - \* includes: + NCYC Registration Fee
  - + Hotel
  - + Several Meals (Breakfasts- Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Lunch Thursday. Late Supper on Wednesday and Box Supper on Thursday.)  
*(Please note that the hotel has been determined so breakfasts will vary depending on which hotel is selected.)*
  - + Region 8 – Fee
  - + Coach Bus Transportation
  - + Diocesan T-shirt.
- Schedule for Registration and Parish payments per participant to Diocese:
  - Initial Registration (Form found in Copies of Brochure) & \$150 down payment per registration is due to Diocese by March 1, 2017
  - Second Payment: \$200 due May 1, 2017
  - Third Payment: \$200 due July 1, 2017
  - Last Payment: \$100 due September 1, 2017
  - Different Permission and Informational Forms will also have due dates in September of 2017