



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Dear Parish NCYC Coordinator,

I am inviting you, your high school youth, and adults from your parish(es) who work with youth, to join Bishop Kettler and me at an exciting 4-day national event that will take place in November of 2019.

This event is known as the National Catholic Youth Conference or NCYC. NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry for all youth in grades 9-12. It is held in late fall of odd-numbered years. The next NCYC, "**Blessed, Broken and Given**," is November 21-23, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana (see brochure).

Approximately 25,000 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.

Hundreds of youth from the Diocese of Saint Cloud have participated in this event in the past. Bishop Kettler is encouraging our youth to gather with him in Indianapolis as participants in NCYC 2019.

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 video when it is available. You can view it online at the websites below in the weeks ahead. The enclosed brochure is also available to download at our website.

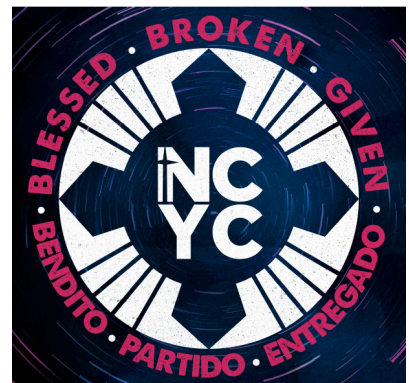
I welcome you to contact me for assistance in customizing your trip. Please know that I want to be as flexible as possible in planning this event for you and your parish. With flexibility in mind and willingness to work with each of you, all registrations for NCYC must still come through CEM.

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 and <http://ncyc.nfcym.org/> for more info. I look forward to working with you for our trip to Indianapolis.

With you in ministry,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Schmitz".

Kent Schmitz
Consultant for Youth Ministry
and Adolescent Catechesis



Additional Information

- Wednesday morning, November 20, 2019 leave from various locations in diocese.
Transportation: Coach Busses – Trobec's Bus Service 12-14 hr. trip one-way
Arrive in Indianapolis Wednesday evening
- Staying at: Hotels – TBD around Indianapolis
- Saturday evening, November 23rd depart for Minnesota after closing liturgy.
- Sunday, November 24th arrive back in Minnesota
- Cost of trip \$685 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 not been determined so breakfasts will vary depending on which hotel is selected.)
+ Region 8 – Fee
+ Coach Bus Transportation
+ Diocesan T-shirt.

TO REGISTER

Schedule for Registration and Parish payments per participant to Diocese:

- February 28, 2019: Initial Registration (Form found in Copies of Brochure) & \$185 down payment per participant due to Catholic Education Ministries
- April 30, 2019: Second Payment: \$200 due
- June 30, 2019: Third Payment: \$200 due
- September 15, 2019: Last Payment: \$100 in addition to permission/additional information forms due