

Dear Parents,

Being a teenager is hard. Being a teenager and standing up for their faith is even harder! NCYC can help your teen to fully embrace and bear witness to the Gospel of Life. As I have worked with teens for a numbers of years I have come to realize that they don't fully understand what the Universal Church is like until they experience it for themselves.

Next November 16-19 your teen will have the opportunity to see the Universal Church on a National Level. Annually there is a National Conference held in a different part of the country where teens come and experience their faith in a new and exciting way. This conference is called NCYC which stands for National Catholic Youth Conference. Next year's conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, the theme will be *Fully Alive!* Teens entering 9th-12th grade are in 2023 are invited to join us for this amazing event.

NCYC will feature the following :

Daily activities include general sessions, prayer services and workshops that will focus on the theme of the particular day. Topics will include personal growth, spiritual development , leadership, communication skills and justice and peace education. The conference will include a hands- on experience where teens will be able to play and learn about their faith.

The students attending the conference will be learning and celebrating their faith with nearly 23,000 Catholic youth and adults from around the country. This will be an exciting faith experience for your teens to learn and grow in their faith. The days missed from school will be an excused absence under ACT 175. The cost of this event will be \$750. There will be a number of fund-raisers to help off-set the cost of this trip and they can also apply for the Francis Fund through the Diocese of Greensburg.

Thank you for your encouragement to your teen in their faith life. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me. If you are interested in this event please call or e-mail Joann by December 27th.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joann Giuffre