

NCYC Diocesan Package and Registration Instructions

Diocese of Gary NCYC Package and Hotel Details

The OMDE NCYC package is comprised of three parts: NCYC ticket, hotel cost, and diocesan registration fee.

The final per-person package cost for the Diocese of Gary delegation will be confirmed once we receive our hotel room assignment, expected in late 2024. We are requesting accommodations at the SpringHill Suites Indianapolis Downtown (601 West Washington Street), where we stayed during the previous NCYC in Indianapolis. This hotel is within walking distance of the Indianapolis Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. It offers a full hot breakfast buffet included in the room price, helping to simplify meals and reduce costs. Each room can accommodate up to 5 teens (at the group leader's discretion), which can further reduce hotel expenses. We should receive confirmation on our hotel placement shortly after submitting our request.

How much does NCYC cost and how can my group purchase tickets?

The question, "How much does it cost per person?" is not easy to answer for NCYC. This is because OMDE bills groups separately for NCYC registration and hotel, and ticket prices increase gradually over the year. OMDE will provide a per-person rate based on the number of people assigned to each room. For a detailed cost breakdown, refer to the "Preliminary Diocesan Cost Breakdown of NCYC 2025" sheet. To help keep costs low, OMDE will secure 100 tickets at the earliest registration rate based on previous NCYC attendance. This will allow the first 100 requested tickets to be purchased by groups at the lowest available price.

NCYC Tickets

NFCYM, the organization behind NCYC, sets a tiered pricing schedule that increases throughout the year. As the Diocese of Gary is a member of NFCYM, we can purchase tickets at the lowest available price.

OMDE will purchase 100 tickets when registration opens, based on past attendance, to ensure that the first 100 tickets requested by groups are secured at the lowest price.

For a step-by-step guide on how group leaders can purchase tickets, please see the following pages. Please note that NCYC does not offer single-day passes.

How to register your group for NCYC:

1. Group leaders should have their participants—teens, adults, and clergy—complete the **“Registration Information Collection Form.”**
2. Group leaders should then collect completed forms. Group leaders are able to set their own deadlines for the forms.
3. Once collected, the group leader only should input the information for each participant from the “Registration Information Collection Forms” here:
<https://tinyurl.com/GaryNCYCReg25>
 - a. Group leaders do not need to turn in the paper “Registration Information Collection Form” to the OMDE. They may keep those documents for their records.
4. Once registrations are complete, the group leader will receive an invoice for the tickets requested based on the number of people they registered. **The first 100 tickets claimed by group leaders are guaranteed to be \$285 a piece.** If further requests are made while still within the first tier of ticket pricing, the price will remain \$285. After that, the ticket price will follow NFCYM’s tier schedule. Ticket prices for both youth and adults are the same, and the tiers are as follows:
 - a. \$285 until December 31, 2024
 - b. \$310 starting January 1, 2025
 - c. \$335 starting May 1, 2025
 - d. \$360 starting September 1, 2025
 - e. \$410 starting October 16, 2025
5. Group leaders will have three months to submit payment from when the invoice is issued. If payment is not received within that time frame, we may not be able to hold your tickets. For requests made after August 1, 2025, payment will be due within 10 days.
6. To submit a payment, parishes or schools should collect any money from participants or fundraisers and then have the parish or school write a check, payable to “Diocese of Gary” with “NCYC 2025” in the memo. The check should be mailed or dropped off at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410), attention Vicky Hathaway. If a parish wishes to make an online payment, please speak with Vicky.
7. **If a group applies for scholarships from NFCYM, please inform Vicky ASAP. Invoices might need to be adjusted if they receive the scholarship.**
8. Group leaders can add additional registrations at any time pending ticket availability and hotel room availability.
9. The OMDE cannot offer refunds on tickets purchased. If a group cannot find a use for a registration, they are free to sell them to the groups in need of tickets.
10. Payment for housing and the diocesan registration fee will be invoiced after NCYC is completed.
11. **Groups should be finalized by September 26, 2025. Final numbers for housing are typically due in October.**
12. **Registrations will close on November 1 or when there are no more hotel rooms.** For any questions or clarifications, please reach out to Vicky Hathaway at vhathaway@dcgary.org or at 219-769-9292 ext 88229,

Hotel Cost

Hotel costs are currently estimates and will be finalized once we are assigned a hotel. Based on our last stay, here's what groups can expect for 3 nights:

- A teen sharing with three other teens: \$170 per person
- A teen sharing with two other teens: \$227 per person
- A person sharing with one other person: \$340 per person
- Single occupancy: \$680

Please note that these prices are estimates to help with your planning process.

Once a group is registered, the group leader will receive a "hotel placement request" form to fill out and return to the OMDE.

Diocesan Registration Fee

The diocesan registration fee is \$45 per person, which covers the cost of a diocesan t-shirt and a swap item.

Hotel costs and diocesan registration fees are due after NCYC and will be invoiced separately. This provides groups more time for fundraising and allows OMDE to make adjustments in case of any hotel incidentals.

Other expenses:

Meals are not provided in your package. Participants will eat at downtown Indy restaurants and/or Convention Center vendors. You can also bring your own food. Plan according to your teens' appetite and budget. During previous NCYC events, a large amount of exhibitors sold their wares at NCYC, including Catholic Christian t-shirts, hats, keychains, socks, etc. Teens may choose to bring some souvenir money. You determine your Parish's Group expenses. Many groups choose to produce parish t-shirts, trade items, etc. Other parishes have been known to arrange for one or more meals during NCYC for their participants.

Transportation:

The Diocese of Gary is pleased to announce that we are able to provide charter buses to transport our NCYC pilgrims to Indianapolis and return them home. We will leave from one central location in the Diocese and travel to Indianapolis. More details will come as we get closer to NCYC. Please let Vicky know if your group will like to utilize this transportation. Group leaders who do not want to utilize diocesan arranged buses should heed diocesan travel policies when transporting your youth. You can find diocesan travel policies at garyoyya.org/liability-permission-forms