National Catholic Youth Conference 2019

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

# CHAPERONE MEETING PACKET

# 8.22.19, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., St. Patrick Parish, Youngstown

# 8.27.19, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas School, Louisville

**Meeting Objectives** –

* Chaperone familiarization
* Highlight select responsibilities, rules, guidelines, and policies
* Communal prayer
* Answer your questions

# Agenda–

6:15 Arrival, name tags

6:35 Welcome, review of agenda, prayer - Cindee

DOY Child Protection Policy highlights, NFCYM Youth protection policy & Codes of Conduct

Practical tips for chaperones/ General Information, NCYC Emergency and crisis response manual

Making the most of your chaperoning experience

Youth Ambassadors, FAQs, Shared wisdom from Returning Chaperones

8:25 Closing Prayer, Go in peace!

**Opening Prayer**

+ Scripture reading Psalm 103

Reflection How would you describe the word BLESSED to the teens?

How do you know you have been BLESSED?

When have you felt BLESSED?

Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) -- [Matt Redman](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHFX_enUS532US532&q=Matt+Redman&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLSz9U3MMwxs8gzXcTK7ZtYUqIQlJqSm5gHAJYPjNkcAAAA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj6x4ick5fkAhVGC6wKHdUrBHcQMTAAegQIDhAF)

REF: Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes. REF.

2. You're rich in love And You're slow to anger Your name is great And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find. REF.

3. Bless You Lord And on that day When my strength is failing The end draws near  
And my time has come Still my soul will sing your praise unending Ten thousand years and forevermore REF..

Together, let us pray: Gracious and all-loving Father, out of love for all people

you spoke your Word who became flesh for our salvation.

May your Word transform me so that the message of your Son,

our Lord, may be echoed through my service.

Allow me to guide the hearts of those whom I chaperone in such a way that

they will enter more deeply into your way of truth and salvation.

Grant me the insight needed to lead them to better know, love, and serve you.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may they become hearers and followers of your Word,

so that they might help transform the world to follow the way of life

to which your Son has called us all, for he lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. +

DOY Chaperone Guidelines for NCYC 2019

(Bob Barto’s Concise way of wording)

BE THE ADULT…



* learn the schedule of events
* learn the layout of the buildings
* follow safety procedures
* enforce curfew- ***only*** the diocesan group leader can extend it
* check rooms- sign up for schedule
* work as a team-- yes, ***even if it's your kid you're checking on***
* read AND know the adult and student codes of conduct



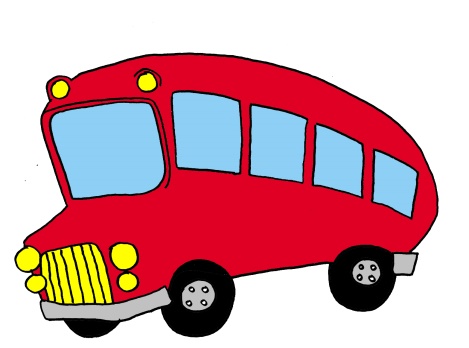
…ON PILGRIMAGE WITH THE YOUTH-

* all participants- ***including chaperones***- are expected to attend the activities
* if they are not allowed to do something or go somewhere - you shouldn't either
* no alcohol, weapons, drugs
* *pray….learn…experience it!*

**DOY NCYC 2019 Practical Advice by Rose Naegeli-Marsi**

**General:**

* Credentials = Ticket
* Lost Credentials = Lost time and money
* Inside: 3 or more teens in Convention Center and Stadium
* Outside: Chaperones required
* Workshop Choices (and alternates): Review night before
* Thematic Village:
* Time……Be on time!
* www.NCYC.info

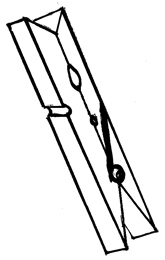


**Travel, Meals, Hotel:**

* Same bus all weekend
* Suitcase/luggage = SIMPLE, no valuables please
* Backpack + Tags = Safety
* Modest Dress/Clothing
* Meals: Breakfast at hotel, rest on own, snacks encouraged
* $$$$$ for meals, cd’s, t-shirts, books, etc.
* 12:00 midnight curfew, 7:30ish am loading time comes quickly!

**Safety:**

* First aid kit
* Security checks for credentials and bag tags
* Security and Medical Personnel on site at Convention Center and Stadium
* Medical and Permission Forms for each teen/adult to carry
* Cell Phones and Phone Numbers and Home Contact
* Meeting Locations Inside & Outside: Hotel, Stadium, & Convention Center
* NFCYM’s NCYC Emergency and Crisis Response Manual

**Trading Items:**

* Meet new people
* Start a conversation
* Include first name, city, state, parish
* Parish
* Diocese of Youngstown Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
* Be Creative!

**ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES of YOUNGSTOWN CHAPERONES::**

* Cindee Case

1. **General Guidelines** and **Code of Conduct** – Reminders

If you did NOT read them before tonight, vow to do so ASAP!

* 1. NCYC Adult Code of Conduct - NCYC Youth Code of Conduct
  2. Form F & NFCYM Form 14 (Adult Individual Registration Forms)
  3. Our Diocesan Child Protection Policy
  4. "Safeguarding God's Children" posted at <http://www.nfcym.org/youthprotection/>
  5. NCYC Emergency and Crisis Response Manual"- posted at <http://www.nfcym.org/youthprotection/>

1. **NCYC Diocesan Gathering on September 29** – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. @ St. Joseph Church, Canton
   * Plan to arrive at 1:45 p.m. to start at 2
   * We will spend time in prayer, icebreakers, discussing the conference themes, and covering basic information. Please model positive interaction and respectful attention.
   * We will then move into stations of different activities. Please help your teens enter into the activities and participate with them.
   * Parents are most welcomed. Cindee will entertain parent’s questions during Station Round 1; they can then explore the stations with their teens.
   * No full meal – snacks, only or brings your own, please.

3. **November 3rd Send Off** – 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. @ St. Columba Cathedral and Hall, Youngstown

Bring your participants to the 1:30 p.m. meeting in the Cathedral Hall/4 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral – Parents are welcome to the Mass, but due to limited space, we cannot guarantee they can attend the meeting (but can pray for us/tour the Cathedral). \*\*\*Be sure to eat lunch before you come! Snacks will be served\*\*

1. **November 16 or 17** -- With your group leader and Pastor, decide on a parish **Send Off and Blessing** at your parish site– be there with the teens.
2. **During NCYC:**

* We will cover bus details at a Preparation Gathering, but know that as chaperones, we will need your help keeping teens onboard as we start hotel check in by the Group Leaders. So, be sure to listen to the Bus Captain for announcements. Thank you for your support!
* Each evening, be sure your teens head to their assigned rooms, and get a great night’s sleep yourself on nights when you are not “on hall duty.” When you are on hall duty – enforce the rules with gentle-assertiveness, and be sure not to be noisy as you walk the halls.
* On breakfast duty, keep the teens moving through the lines and notify hotel staff when items are running short. THANKS for taking a shift so that we all get time to relax.
* On the bus rides back, please help the Bus Captain again, as needed, with loading and unloading and facilitating any activities.

Thank YOU for your willingness to serve as a chaperone for the NCYC – this will most likely be a beneficial experience for you as well as the teens (as evidenced by adults who return!)

**Great Chaperones P.R.A.Y.**

* **(Have a) Prayerful spirit**
* **Radiate Joy**
* **Are Attentive**
* **(Keep a) Youthful outlook with**

**adult sensibilities**

**Youth Ambassadors Update**

**What other questions might you have?**

**Insights from returning chaperones**

**NOTES:**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,

present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

**Closing Prayer**

*Lord God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,*

*to live among us and to proclaim his message of faith, hope, and love to all nations;*

tn00734_*In your goodness bless us as we offer ourselves as not only chaperones for the NCYC,*

*but also companions on the journey of faith with the teens.*

*Strengthen us with your gifts that we may lead by word and example*

*the truth which comes from you.*

*May our response to your CALL*

*provide a faith-filled example to the teens of what it is like to live as your disciples.*

*We ask this in of you who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*