

NCYC COMMENTS

My experience at NCYC was good. The workshops and Large Group really made me think. Also I grew closer to my youth group.

Kelly Rochford
Christ the King

The feeling you get when you see 20,000 kids, just like you, so madly in love with Christ is the most overwhelming feeling ever.

Kaitlin Maggiore
Christ the King

I didn't think that there was a retreat better than YLC but NCYC was amazing. Knowing that you were with 20,000 teens that believe the same things you do is overwhelming. I would go back, if I get the option.

Sarah Maggiore
Christ the King

NC?YC! I loved NCYC it was so amazing the best parts were the workshops we went to and getting to know my youth group it was so cool knowing there were 20,000 other people in that room for the same reason you were. Also I learned a lot from the speakers there. And I never really liked church music till now I loved it.

Chi-town Katie
Christ the King

We don't think that there is a more uplifting experience than singing, dancing, laughing and praying with 20 thousand other teens, all in the name of Christ. Especially with the keynote speakers who really hit home, and added a little comedy, it was amazing. There were so many new experiences; for example a priest, with his own bobble head!

Kirsten, Kate, Jess, Matt, and Amanda
St Scholastica Youth Ministry

NCYC has been an incredible experience. The teens on this trip and at the conference are so open and excited to share their faith. This experience deepened my faith and my love of Jesus. I learned from the teens. We need to channel their strength and their energy and faith because it is contagious.

Janine Gudac
Holy Family

NCYC really opened my eyes to the awesome power of God. I never really appreciated that so many of my peers shared the same faith as me until I witnessed 20,000 of them all praising their heavenly father. All the workshops, talks and prayers aided in my growth as a catholic teen, filling my heart with burning desire to go out and teach others about God through my everyday actions. I learned that little random acts of kindness will ultimately change the world if you just take it one day at a time. NCYC opened my mind to the multiple opportunities around me that God provides for me to spread his Word. Basically I have learned that when you place your full trust in God anything is possible.

Glynis Gallagher
Notre Dame

NCYC really opened my heart to new perspectives but one idea that really stood out in my mind was the belief that there are no coincidences in life. Things just don't happen just "because". Everything happens for a reason and with help from God we are able to pursue those occurrences however we want. NCYC, however, really made me think over how I want to go about making decision and this way involves making my decisions after conversing/praying with God. Now I know how to choose between right and wrong: self –control and faith.

Chrissy Berdelle
Notre Dame

NCYC really opened my mind to how many young Catholics are out. It was very inspirational to see everyone singing without any shame, and we should all bring that back to our parishes
Renee reaffirmed my belief that everything happens for a reason. Overall, NCYC was awesome!

Morgan Gallagher
Notre Dame

NCYC was an amazing experience It amazed me how many Catholic youth who really believe were there. Everyone participated and I believe not one person left Columbus untouched I also thought it was great how many perspectives about prayer and encounters with God from youth all over the country. They taught me things I could bring back to my parish.

Kim Berberich
St Mary Gostyn

NCYC was a great opportunity for me. I realized how many people there are my age that believe in God I want to meet others with that belief. I felt a unity among all of us that can truly make a difference in our country. Through this experience I have learned about the power of youth in society today.

Lauren Massura
St Mary Gostyn

NCYC was really amazing! It was cool to see all theses catholic from all over come together for one event. I can't wait for NCYC Kansas City '09

Amy Bjuk
St Joseph

NCYC was truly amazing experience for me. I can't even describe how awesome it was to see over 20,000 young Catholics like me getting together. As one body for our faith the guest speakers at NCYC had a very powerful impact on me. They took the time to share their life stories I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to attend such an amazing event. I am looking forward to NCYC in Kansas City in 09

Addie Danchisin
St Joseph

NCYC was awesome and really inspiring. It really made me want to be closer to my family it also made me proud to be catholic.

Tom Aguayo
St Joseph

What can I say NCYC was one of the greatest experiences ever! It changed me mentally and spiritually for the better. Also things I thought I understood, I understand twice as much now. All the talks connected with me so strongly I really understand a lot more about God now.

Collin Main
St Joseph

NCYC was a blast I got to spend time with our youth group and still have fun and learn more about my faith! This was definitely a life changing experience.

Courtney Schrank
St Mary Nativity

NCYC changed my life I loved every minute of it. I experienced how God's love is in everyone. All the speakers had great stories. The Mass was so powerful. God was definitive at NCYC. I will remember this for the rest of my life.

Michael Bannan
St Paul's

NCYC was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I loved every aspect of it. From the general sessions to the workshops. To night time prayer with my youth group. It was an amazing weekend and I met new people from all over the US and also people I hope to keep in touch with

Rachel Crickman
St Paul's

I loved every minute of NCYC. I thought the most amazing part was when 20,000 people came together to receive the Eucharist

Emily Petin
St Paul's

NCYC was so far beyond my expectations it was amazing. As I try to think of my favorite part I cannot decide because all of NCYC was so incredible. If everyone in the world acted the way people act at NCYC the world would be a better place. I hope I can go back again!

Molly Devine
St Paul the Apostle

There really is no way to explain the emotion from NCYC. The keynote speakers and the choir were absolutely awesome. You really can't imagine what its like to see 20,000 teenagers clapping dancing all at the same time and totally awe inspiring to here that many voices all saying "amen" at Mass, in all places, a hockey rink.

Meg Schlegel
St Paul the Apostle

NCYC exceeded my wildest dream. It was an experience of a lifetime. I'll never forget my experience in Columbus. Anyone who thinks the Catholic Church is quiet was proved wrong this weekend. I was blown away by the strength, vigor and energy generated by not only the youth but also by the bishops, priests and speakers who made NCYC amazing. The most amazing part of NCY was joining over 18,000 Catholics to praise our God. It was a trip I will remember forever.

Kyle Jelinek
SMN

NCYC was such an amazing experience It was so much fun to celebrate and extend my relationship with God with 22,000 other people. It was so moving and so motavative, I wish I could tell my friends about it but there is no way to truly understand the feeling unless you experience it yourself. I will go to NCYC for many years and get more people to come and see what a wonderful feeling it is.

Emily Doom
SMN

NCYC is something you can't imagine til you been there. I've been before. This time as a leader/chaperone. I'm sure I got just as much out of it if not more as the youth. At several points throughout the weekend I'd stop what I was doing look around and they try to absorb 22,000 people in one place celebrating one faith You never feel more proud to call yourself catholic and no where else can you have a screaming concert about loving Jesus. I hope to go to many more NCYC's

Liz Doom
SMN

Hi my name is Margarita Reyes. I am from the parish of Mt. Carmel. I just wanted to let everybody know this weekend was a weekend filled with love to God. This experience was a one and only not only because it was my first time at NCYC but because it was my first time learning all the English prayers but also listening to Mass in English. As an Hispanic I grew up learning everything I know about God in Spanish. So I would want and love to share this with everybody I know. Thank you to everybody that made it possible.

Sincerely,
Margarita

First of all I want to take this time to thank everybody who made this NCYC possible. This is my first teen retreat and proud to say it. I had a wonderful time. This trip and retreat put my mind to rest so I just focus on the Lord so that I can help expand the catholic faith and most of all so I be a testing of his word because everything is possible if you just believe and are willing to make a difference. Together we are as one and we shall not be ashamed because if it weren't for the god in the heavens up above there would be no us and the world will be even colder better yet there wouldn't be no world we should take the things we have for granted because you never know what awaits for you. So thank the Lord each morning you wake up to see the light of day. My personal experience was wonderful I thank the Lord for letting me be here. It was he who called my name through the ministers of his parish. I came unhappy and incomplete but now I'm here safe back at home full of joy willing to make a difference and with the Lords blessing with in me. And as I mentioned thank you to all the one who made this possible and for coming willingly with love and joy and mostly for being positive role models for being willing to share this wonderful experience with us. **Thanks in behalf of St Alexis**

Jasmin

The experience I had at NCYC 2007 was that of extreme joy in the Lord. Seeing an arena full of teenagers praising God listening to His word and reflecting on this word gave me hope for our church in the present and the future. Everyone and I mean each of the 20,000 people gathered come together as the body of Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the weekend and I believe will continue out onto our communities because we all came back home with a positive experience. Thank you to all who made this possible and most of all to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Maria Lourdes Vazquez
St Alexis Parish

If you want to better understand and begin to experience the reign of God as introduced by Jesus then come to NCYC (the National Youth Leadership Conference) it is faith filled real and eminently practical training for the Christian life.

Robert Inolis
Ss Peter and Paul

NCYC has been one of the biggest turning points in my life and has given me more faith and hope that I could ever imagine having. Our first keynote speaker Tony Melendes was born without arms and spends his life traveling around the world playing guitar with his feet and spreading his message to young people. He said "Don't ever tell me you can't" those words will stay with me forever. His story made me realize that I can change it made me realize that I could do better and most importantly I learned that God is still working through me everyday in more ways than I know. He has a plan for my life and I will make a difference in this world.

Molly Miller
Ss Peter and Paul

Every once in a while we all need to have our batteries recharged and NCYC does just that for me. Having attended this event before, I had some idea what to expect, but I assure you it gets better each time you go. It is hard to put into words what it's like to watch the power of God work its way through the throng of 20,000 + youth and follow adults who joined together as the song says as "one body in Christ" in hearts and laughter praise, song and quiet time. Liturgy and dancing. The most impressive thing for me was a twofold experience with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on. The wonderful priest God led me to a man of God I will probably never see again but who had a major impact in my spiritual journey, two, the number of youth taking advantage of this most special communication with a forging God. Also the Adoration chapel the inspiration of the Keynote speakers the variety of music, the dark hall being illuminated by the lights of cell phones, the youth that served as worship and prayer leaders were all great but being with so many new friends only made me look forward to KC even more.

Mike Fonck
Holy Family
Youth Leader

This is one of the best experiences I've ever had. This experience has given me more liveliness and energy in my spirituality. I have met many people and to know that they share the same beliefs as me is just amazing. You truly belong to a family when you go to NCYC. I experienced people rejuvenating their faith and being reborn. I am truly going to keep my 'confidence' and 'swagger' going. Nobody will ever bring me down about my religion and I will keep my faith going strong through college and after. God is truly on my side and nothing is possible without Him.

Mike Lupou
St. Walter Youth Ministry