



## 2009 NCYC Youth Ambassador Program

*Kansas City, Missouri*



The Youth Events Management Committee, in response to feedback from diocesan group leaders, has developed the Youth Ambassador program to allow for greater participation in NCYC by young people from around the country. Each diocese may select two ambassadors. These youth leaders will provide a welcoming presence and assist with specific tasks during workshop and concurrent sessions at NCYC. Dioceses are tasked to designate an adult liaison to work with chosen ambassadors prior to their arrival in Kansas City and to help coordinate their participation on site.

### **Tasks**

Pre-Conference: Participate in online training.

During:

Participate in a thirty-minute orientation meeting at NCYC.

Youth Ambassadors will assist primarily at workshops and concurrent sessions. Duties may include the following:

- Leading prayer
- Introducing speakers and performers
- Greeting participants at the doors
- Facilitating flow of traffic
- Providing support to presenter
- Participating in all assignments given

After: Participate in online evaluation.

### **Eligibility**

The Youth Ambassador program is open to young people who meet the following requirements:

- In high school in the fall 2009
- Active in youth or campus ministry
- Comfortable and confident in leading prayer
- An enthusiastic faith witness
- Exhibits a welcoming presence
- Recommended by youth/campus minister

### **Selection Process**

Ambassadors are to be chosen by the diocesan director of youth ministry or his/her designate by September 14, 2009. The Youth Ambassador task group suggests that selection be based on the combination of essay question responses (see back of this page) and recommendations from youth/campus ministers. Each diocese may select two young people to act as ambassadors. Dioceses should inform young people of their status by September 14, 2009. NFCYM must receive Youth Ambassador registration forms no later than Wednesday, September 30. NFCYM will then forward the young people and adult diocesan liaison details of where orientation is being held, how to pay the registration fee, and any other pertinent information (prayers, speaker bios).

### **Preparation**

Youth should prepare/practice assigned speaking role, if any, with an adult liaison from the diocese prior to arrival at NCYC. All ambassadors must attend the orientation meeting scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 19, 2008.

### **Registration Fee**

An additional fee of \$25 per ambassador is required to cover the cost of the Youth Ambassador shirt plus a food voucher to be used at NCYC.

### **Sponsor**

NCYC is sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. The Archdiocese of Kansas City, and Diocese of Kansas City St. Joseph are co-hosting the 2009 NCYC.

### **Questions**

Diocesan directors with questions about the Youth Ambassador program should contact Denise York at [dyork@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:dyork@buffalodiocese.org) or Michael Theisen at [michaelt@nfcym.org](mailto:michaelt@nfcym.org)



# 2009 NCYC Youth Ambassador Program Application

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## Personal Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Nickname (how you wish to be addressed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish Group Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parental/Guardian Acknowledgment

I support my child's application for participation in the 2009 National Catholic Youth Conference Youth Ambassador Program. I understand that acceptance into the program will require an additional fee of \$25, advance preparation by my child for assigned speaking role, if any, and attendance at an orientation meeting at NCYC. I also understand that it is my responsibility to coordinate my child's preparation and participation with his/her chaperone and adult diocesan liaison, and that communications regarding tasks and participation will be communicated with my son/daughter via email.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Essay Questions

Answer all questions completely, fully developing your ideas and statements. Attach additional sheets, if needed. Applications are considered incomplete without responses to these questions.

1. Describe your public speaking background. (training, ministries, awards or achievements, etc.).  
*NOTE: No experience is required, this just helps to gauge your level of experience.*
  
  2. What leadership qualities do you possess? What leadership positions have you held?
  
  
  3. Are you bilingual? If so, in which language(s) are you fluent in?
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## Commitment

Please read the NCYC Youth Ambassador Tasks below.

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- Greeting participants at the doors
- Facilitate flow of traffic
- Provide support to presenter
- Providing hospitality to bishops
- Participating in all assignments given

After: Participate in online evaluation.

I have read and understood the NCYC Youth Ambassador Tasks. I am committed to serving as a Youth Ambassador for NCYC.

Youth Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parish Recommendation

Please review the Eligibility requirements below and the Tasks above.

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I have read the NCYC Youth Ambassador Eligibility requirements and Tasks. I recommend this applicant for the NCYC Youth Ambassador program.

Pastor/Parish Leader's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

