



# The Office for Ministry with Youth

Accompanying Through, With, & In Christ

## NCYC 2025



# Group Leader Information

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Dear Ministers with Youth of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,

We are so excited to come together once again for our pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)! This packet contains all the details you will need to successfully gather a group of teens and adult chaperones to join us in this pilgrimage. It will continue to be updated as we receive additional information and details are finalized.

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The OMY NCYC 2025 delegation portal will open in February. We will make announcements via our email newsletter and our social media when it opens. As we update the information packet, we will make them available on our [PhillyOMY.org](http://PhillyOMY.org) NCYC 2025 page (to open in February).

We invite you to **mark your calendars** for our follow-up **pilgrimage Zoom information meetings** which will be on [February 26](#), [May 15](#), and [October 16](#) at 6:30pm. Feel free to register for them now by clicking on each of the dates. Final details will be shared on the last Group Leader meeting on October 16 such as Region 3 Mass time at NCYC, communications while at the conference, and more.

If you have any questions or want to discuss any items further, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for all that you do for the young Church of Christ! It is a joy to serve you.

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# NCYC 2023 DATES AND PROGRAM INFO

## When is NCYC?

Thursday, November 20, 2025 to Saturday, November 22, 2025

## Who can attend NCYC?

**Teens who will be High School** (grades 9 thru 12) at the time of the event and their adult chaperones (21+).

## Will pilgrims miss any days of school?

**Yes.** NCYC participants will miss at least **two (2) days of school (Thursday and Friday)**. Some schools may give excused absences. NFCYM has provided a letter that students can bring to school officials in the Fall to explain the great value in attending NCYC. Neither NFCYM nor the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has any control over schools allowing or disallowing excused absences for NCYC.

## Program Information (What happens at NCYC?)

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is organized by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), which is made up of diocesan leaders, parish ministers, and Catholic organizational members from across the country. The conference at Indianapolis attracts over 12,000 young people and adults from across the country.

NCYC includes a wide variety of opportunities for our young people to experience God and His Church. There are five **general sessions** and a closing Vigil **Mass** on Saturday evening. In between the general sessions are rounds of **workshops**, the **opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**, concerts, adoration, an **interactive thematic park** for hands on experiences and interactions with **Catholic speakers, organizations, colleges/universities, and vendors**, and time to **meet other teens** from all different walks of life. You can check out [NCYC.us](https://www.ncyc.us) for lots of details including schedule, talent, and more.

From NCYC: “**The 2025 theme, I Am | Yo Soy**, will reflect on the time God appeared to Moses through the burning bush and explore how the Sacraments are the living story of God’s love, uniting us with Him through Jesus and the Church. Through the Sacraments, we encounter the fullness of salvation and the tangible presence of Immanuel—God with us.”

## The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)

NCYC is organized by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. If you have been to NCYC before you may be getting regular emails from NFCYM. Some of them will include

information about NCYC. You can also get updated information by connecting with NFCYM on social media.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BUY TICKETS DIRECTLY FROM NFCYM.** The archdiocese will purchase your tickets for you. We cannot return any tickets purchased. You would be financially responsible for all the tickets you purchase on your own and from the archdiocese.

### Support Youth through NFCYM

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) provides thousands of dollars' worth of scholarships for teens to take part in NCYC and other youth programs that occur throughout the country. **During the closing Mass on Saturday night, the collection will go exclusively to scholarships** for NCYC and other youth programs. They ask that **each pilgrim plan to set aside some money for this collection.** Please encourage young people to set aside a few dollars each day to help someone else have the same experience they are having.

### Trading Items and Hats

If you've been to our local NCYC in Philly in 2019 and/or 2020, you know all about it! Now you get the opportunity to experience it at the National event.

A lot of groups will bring **hats and small chachkies that represent where they are from or who their school, parish, or ministry group is.** Plan for hats and items that are easily portable. This is a significant aspect of the NCYC experience! **Be creative and have fun with it.** You can always custom make trade items and hats too.

### Teens can get Involved!

NCYC provides opportunities for teens to participate in various roles at the conference. The OMY will keep you informed as details are revealed.





# PHILLY PILGRIM PACKAGE AND PRICES

## Package Prices

There are three (3) prices for our pilgrim delegation. Prices depend on quantity of persons per room.

Five (5) to Six (6) per pilgrim per room .....	\$880.00
Three (3) to Four (4) per pilgrim per room .....	\$970.00
Two (2) pilgrims per pilgrim room.....	\$1,085.00
One (1) pilgrim per room.....	\$1,445.00

\*A **\$50 addl. registration fee** will apply to all who register on the OMY NCYC 2025 delegation portal after May 1st. See “Very Important Dates” for timeline.

Keep in mind:

- Our hotel has rooms with a maximum capacity of 4 and maximum capacity of 6.
- Final prices will depend on the quantity of persons per room and registration timeline.
- Adults are two (2) per room unless noted for one (1) only or unable due to quantities.
- Youth “ideal” will be five (5) to six (6) per room unless otherwise noted or unable due to quantities.

## What does the package include?

- **Motor Coach Transportation** via bus to and from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (location TBD) to our hotel
- **Hotel accommodations** from Thursday, November 20 to Sunday, November 23
- **NCYC conference passes**
- **Delegation dinner** (date and time TBD)
- Archdiocese of Philadelphia **T-shirt**
- Region 3 **T-shirt**

## Additional costs not covered in the Pilgrim Package

- **Meals** (other than the Delegation Dinner) - calculate about \$30 to \$45 per person per day
  - Our hotel does not include breakfast.

Indianapolis is very “food friendly”! There are **lots of restaurants downtown** as well as food vendors inside the convention center.

**Pro tips:** Groups can make reservations or place orders at local restaurants a few months ahead, pre-order meals from special groups that take orders every year (we will share this information with



you when it becomes available), and/or pre-place orders for pizza to be delivered at the hotel at end of day.

- **Snacks** - Pilgrims can pack up snacks to bring with them! There are no charges for bags on the bus. Some ideas:
  - Pilgrims can bring packed snack bags for each day.
  - Pilgrim groups can purchase, and bring, items in bulk such as chips, cookies, etc.
  - Backpacks are a great way to pack up snacks for the bus trip and for each day.
- **Souvenirs** - the Interactive Exhibit Hall is full of vendors, including booths of the musicians, speakers, etc.
- **Tips and contributions**
  - Recommend \$2-3 per person per day for housekeeping tip
  - Recommend \$10 per person for bus driver tip
  - Recommend \$10 per person for collection at Saturday Mass

### Scholarships

- The OMY will provide two ways for youth to apply for financial assistance. Applications will be available on the NCYC web page in February.
- NCYC provides scholarships for individuals. [Click here](#) to learn more.





## PAYMENT PROCESS

### Invoicing

We will generate invoices for the number of pilgrims in your group based on the number of pilgrims (adults + youth) you have registered on the OMY NCYC 2025 delegation portal and respective quantities per room. See “Very Important Dates” for timeline.

**All invoices are final.** If a group leader fails to notify us of a change in their numbers before being invoiced, that group will still be responsible for the full amount on the invoice. See “Cancellations and Additions” for details.

### IMPORTANT:

- Please notify your finance personnel that they will be billed for this program.
- Notify us (via email or phone) of any changes in pilgrim quantities as soon as you know them so that you are invoiced accurately. See “Cancellations and Additions” below for more details.
- For parishes/schools/ministry groups that have pilgrims from multiple parishes/schools/ministry groups (Parish/School/Ministry Group X has registered pilgrims from Parish/School X & Y), we request that **only one parish be billed for the shared costs.** We will bill Parish/School/Ministry Group X for all costs. Parish/School/Ministry Group Y should send their portion of the cost to Parish X. This makes tracking payments so much more efficient.





## CANCELLATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO YOUR GROUP

### Cancellations

We completely understand that we live in a world where one's circumstances can change instantly. Unfortunately, **no refunds can be given for cancellations** after being invoiced.

1. If a registered pilgrim is no longer able to attend NCYC **AFTER the deposit or 2nd invoice has been sent**, no refunds will be given. An adjustment can be made on the next invoice if a substitute pilgrim cannot be found to take their place.
2. If a registered pilgrim is no longer able to attend NCYC **AFTER the balance invoice has been sent**, no refunds will be given.

As a pilgrim's group leader, **you are able to substitute that pilgrim**. The "switch" must remain male for male, female for female, adult for adult, youth for youth because of rooming arrangements. The OMY can also help you promote the "vacant" pilgrim spot to find someone to take their place. This might come from another parish/school/ministry group. **Ultimately each school/parish/ministry group is responsible for the number of spots they are purchasing.**

### Additions

If you want to increase the size of your group after the deposit invoice, **please let us know via email or phone as soon as possible**. Availability will depend on the availability of bus seats and hotel room spots. **Higher cost and/or late fees may apply**. See "Very Important Dates" for timeline.







## VERY IMPORTANT DEADLINES

\*Please note: Invoices will be based on completion of individual registrations in the OMY NCYC 2025 delegation portal. For pilgrims replacing other pilgrims, no addl. registration fees are added.

### MAY

- 1 **Last date to register without a \$50 addl. registration fee.**  
\* A \$50 addl. registration fee will apply to each new pilgrim registered after this date.
- 5 **Groups will be invoiced a Non-Refundable Deposit of \$285 per registered pilgrim.**
- 26 **Non-Refundable Deposits are due at the OMY**  
\* Late payments will incur a \$50 late fee.

### JUNE

- 1 **OMY Scholarship Applications** are due.

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 **Groups will be invoiced a Non-Refundable “interim” fee of \$360 per registered pilgrim.**  
\* Groups with youth who receive a scholarship will receive a credit in their invoice for the scholarship.
- 25 **Last day** to register new pilgrims OR substitute pilgrims in empty spots.  
\* New registrations will only be possible by contacting the OMY to confirm availability of bus seats and hotel rooming.  
\* A \$50 late registration fee will apply to each new pilgrim registered.
- 29 **Non-Refundable payments for invoice are due at the OMY.**  
\* Late payments will have an added \$50 late fee.
- 29 **Rooming Lists** on portal are due.

### OCTOBER

- 2 **Groups will be invoiced a Non-Refundable Balance per their latest registered pilgrims and rooming arrangements.**  
\* Invoices will be based on completion of individual registrations in OMY NCYC 2025 delegation portal.
- 23 **Non-Refundable Balances are due at the OMY.**  
\* Late payments will have an added \$50 late fee.
- 23 **OMY Archdiocesan Liability Waivers** and proof of Adult Chaperones Checks and Clearances are due to the OMY.



# INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROCESS

## Registration with the OMY

1. **Finalize who will be attending** and create a list.
2. **Collect specific information** from each person using the “Individual Registration Form” (name, contact info, etc.).
1. **Collect the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Parent/Guardian Permission and Release Form** for each youth.
3. **Register your participants** in the OMY NCYC 2025 delegation portal. Group leaders will be given access to the portal to enter billing information, everyone’s information using the “Individual Registration Forms,” submit their Hotel Rooming, and track invoices and payments.
  - a. **\*You will need to complete [this form](#) to receive a link and create a password in the OMY NCYC 2025 Delegation Portal** when it opens in February.
  - b. A Flocknote email and social media posts will be shared when the portal opens.

## Ticket Registration with NCYC

1. **Once we receive your deposit**, from our NCYC portal, we will send you a link to your tickets for each of your participants (youth and adults).
2. You will **receive an email from NFCYM**. Click on “Finish Account.” This will take you to a landing page where you, as the group leader, will complete some information and create a password for future management of your group’s tickets.
3. At the landing page, scroll down to **“Add Participant” to add yourself** and “Start” your ticket registration.
4. **To send tickets to your youth’s parents/guardians**, click on “Manage Tickets” and “Send Tickets” to the adult chaperones in your group and the parent/guardian of each of your teens. You will be able to see who has successfully registered and who has not.

\*There is a **video on the landing page to help with the process**. Please note the video also includes features only available to Diocesan leaders or families.

## Documents and Forms Needed

There are 4 documents and forms that you will need to have completed for the OMY. All forms will be available on the **NCYC 2025 webpage** of the [PhillyOMY.org](http://PhillyOMY.org) website as of February.

1. **Individual Registration Form** for each of your pilgrims (youth and adults)
2. **Archdiocese of Philadelphia Parent/Guardian Permission and Release Form** for each youth.
3. **Adult chaperones proof of [Checks and Clearances](#)** per the Office for Child and Youth Protection of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
4. **Hotel Rooming List** so you can note the preferred rooming arrangement for your pilgrims.



# TRANSPORTATION

## Bus Assignments

The OMY coordinates all transportation to and from Indianapolis through a charter bus company. Groups will be assigned to buses based on group size. A full bus holds 56 people. Some groups may be required to break into two smaller groups to fit into the buses we have available.

## Bus Pick-Up and Drop-Off Times and Locations

Buses will depart for Indianapolis Thursday, November 20 from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (location TBD) at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and arrive in Indianapolis around 1:00 p.m. give or take.

- Buses will make one stop for breakfast along the way.

Buses will depart for Philadelphia Sunday, November 23 at 8am and to the same pick-up location (TBD) at around 8:00 p.m. / 9:00 p.m.

- Buses will make one stop for a late lunch/early dinner break.

Groups can choose to opt out of the bus transportation and make their own arrangements. Groups who would like to do this will make a special selection on our OMY NCYC delegation portal to have the transportation portion of the Pilgrim Package removed from their price.

- \*IMPORTANT: Groups who opt out of the bus transportation are also responsible for getting their groups to/from the airport to the hotel.

## Arrival at Indianapolis

The OMY will work with the hotel to have a room to hold all luggage for when you arrive while the rooms may be getting ready. We will also give Group Leaders their group's NCYC credentials so you can begin to explore and have lunch with your group. See the [NCYC schedule](#) for details.

## Bus Captains

Each bus will be assigned a "Bus Captain" by the OMY. They Make sure that all who are registered are on the bus before it departs, monitor activities on the bus, help keep everyone to the schedule when busses stop for meals, etc. Once bus assignments are made, the OMY will contact an adult from each bus to see if they would assist in that role.

## Getting to the Lucas Oil Stadium and the Conference Center

Our hotel is in downtown Indianapolis. We will be about a 5-minute walk to the Lucas Oil stadium and convention center.

It will be the responsibility of adult chaperones to accompany their groups from the hotel to the conference and back.



### Where are we staying?

Our hotel is the [Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites](#) in downtown Indianapolis, 120 W. Market Street, Indianapolis IN 46204.

### Our Accommodations

Rooms with two queen beds for a maximum of 4 people.

- Adults are two (2) per room unless noted for one (1) only or unable due to quantities.

Rooms with two queen beds and a pullout sofa for a maximum of 6 people.

- Youth: five (5) to six (6) per room unless otherwise noted or unable due to quantities.

**The Hotel does not include breakfast.** We suggest bringing dry breakfast items. If you plan to stop at one of the breakfast restaurants, do note these may experience a high volume of customers in the morning. Do plan accordingly.

\*Recommend \$2-3 per person per day for a housekeeping tip.





# GROUP LEADER AND CHAPERONE RESPONSABILITY

## “Conditions”

- Must be 21 years old
- Must have their clearances per the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Must abide by the “Adult Code of Conduct” that NCYC provides

## Ratio

For the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: 2 adults for the first 10 teens and 1 adult for every 10 teens after that.

NFCYM, and the OMY, strongly recommend 1:5/6 ratio

## Group Leader Responsibility

- Invite Teens and Adults from your parish/school/ministry group
- Set your own deadlines for collecting all paperwork so that you get it in on time!
- Distribute forms to be completed
- Stay on top of all Safe Environment requirements for your group
- Help plan some fundraisers for your group
- Collect payments from your teens and adults
- Turn in all paperwork and fees to the OMY – ON TIME
- Prepare your group by having a meeting for all youth and parents
- Chaperone your group at all times from departure until arrival home
- Work with and be in constant contact with the OMY staff during the conference
- Follow up the experience with teens once you arrive home

## Chaperone as Faith Mentor

Please be mindful in selecting the adults who will assist you for this event. All pilgrims will have long days and must have a lot of patience and genuine faith to get through the event. We want our adults to be positive role models! While all adults are helpful in keeping the teens safe, the adults who attend the pilgrimage are also responsible to help the teens grow deeper in their faith. As a Faith Mentor, your chaperones will be able to assist the youth participants in selecting workshops, getting the most out of an experience, and discussing the ways that God is working in their lives during NCYC and beyond.

Please try to find at least one man and one woman to attend with your group.





## PILGRIMAGE PRAYERS

### Journey in Prayer

NCYC is a pilgrimage. It is a journey of faith. A journey towards Encounter.

We invite you to share the below prayer with parents so they can support their teens in growing in their faith as well as with your community as a way to build prayerful support of the young souls that will be taking this journey. Also, below is a prayer for those who will be on pilgrimage to NCYC.

### Pilgrim Prayer for Those Staying Home (Prayer from the Archdiocese of Newark)

All-powerful God,  
You always show mercy toward those who love you.  
And you are never far away from those who seek you.  
Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage  
And guide their way in accord with your will.  
Shelter them with your protection by day,  
Give them the light of your grace by night,  
And, as their companion on the journey,  
Bring them to their destination in safety.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Pilgrim Prayer for NCYC Pilgrims (Prayer Adapted from the USCCB WYD Poland)

God our Father,  
Be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith.  
Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead.  
Lord Jesus,  
Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter.  
Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored.  
Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth.  
Holy Spirit,  
Transform us.  
Empower us to give of ourselves to the poor;  
to welcome the lost;  
to forgive those who hurt us;  
to comfort those who suffer and are marginalized.  
Like the disciples who journeyed up the mountain to witness the Transfiguration,  
may this experience be an encounter that strengthens us for our work in the world. Amen.



# FUNDRAISING

## NCYC Fundraising Basics

- Discuss fundraisers with the pastor/pastoral administrator and finance director.
- Make sure to keep the pastoral/administrative staff involved. They may even be able to help you out along the way.
- Discuss the group fundraising goal.
- There might be significant limitations on the type of fundraisers allowed by the parish. Be sure to gather this information before any additional planning.
- Identify an adult or form a team of adults that will spearhead fundraising efforts.
- What types of fundraising do we want to do? Selling/service, etc. It is acceptable to have fundraisers that involve individual sales such as selling candy or wreaths. However, fundraising efforts should avoid door-to-door sales by youth as there are safety concerns.
- Are youth allowed to raise all the money needed for the pilgrimage or is there an earnings cap? (Note: past experience indicates that requiring a financial commitment from participants helps to ensure that they will not back out of the pilgrimage at the last minute.)
- What happens if the goal is not reached? What happens to the extra money if the goal is exceeded?
- Create a plan with your finance director about how funds raised can be carried over to benefit the youth beyond the current fiscal year. This is an important discussion to have so that funds raised will not be lost before the conference date.

## Reminders for You and Your Young People

**Set Expectations of Your Teens:** Make sure your teens know what is expected of them. You are raising money for them so they should be part of the fundraising efforts. If they cannot be part of the main event, see if there are behind the scenes actions they could do to still help out, like make decorations, posters, social media posts, or help with set-up. Keep a record of who helped and when.

**Make it Easy and Fun:** If it's too difficult, it makes it hard to participate. Break down tasks in a clear, easy way so they can understand. "We are making a poster to let those who are attending the fish fry know what we will use their donations for, so make sure to include where we are going, what we are looking forward to, and who is going. Don't forget to say, "Thank you!" Teens are more likely to participate and help if it is fun for them. Include them in on decision making when planning fundraising activities.

**Take Pictures:** For your own archives but also to post online. After getting permission from their parents, post to parish social media to show what the teens are doing and why they are doing it.

**Celebrate Goals:** As you meet your fundraising goals, celebrate! Fundraising can be a long process, so as you meet those goals, take a moment to rest and celebrate your progress.

**See Who Can Help:** Reach out to other parish ministries and organizations to see if they can help. Some community organizations or businesses are also willing to help, such as allowing you to advertise in their place of business or by giving you a discount on items you need for your fundraising. It never hurts to ask! Also, you might have people in your parish who are awesome at fundraising. Ask them for help.

**Practice:** Take time to practice with your teens their elevator speech on why you are fundraising. Practice helps so they are prepared when someone asks, "Why are you raising money?"

**Say Thank You:** Always, always say thank you. Send handwritten cards and have the teens sign them. Invite those who have donated to you to a dinner afterwards and have the teens present what they experienced. Send a thank you card with a group picture at the event. Personalize the thank you. In all things, give thanks. Even if it is showing gratitude that your community members prayed for you. In all things, give thanks.

### Pages with Ideas

- [NFCYM page](#) - webinar and a list
- [Therefore Go Ministries](#) - list

### Here's a List

**Stocks:** If you are asking your parish to invest in your teens, set up stock options. Sell "stocks" for a set price. Give the stock holder a certificate for each stock they buy. Throughout the year have the teens update their stockholders by sending monthly investment letters. This could be a letter from a teen saying what they are looking forward to, how they are going to use the money from the stocks, and general youth ministry updates. At the end of the year, hold a "stockholders' dinner" where the teens serve those who have invested in them, give presentations about the event or project the money went to, and give thanks!

**Host a Rummage/ Craft/ Garage Sale:** Host a rummage sale, a craft market, or a used book sale with all proceeds going to youth ministry.

**Bake Sale:** A classic for a reason. Have volunteers provide baked goods (including gluten free and vegan if you can) and sell after Mass or at an event. Set it up as a free will donation for each baked good.

**Host a Food Event:** Fish fries, chili cook-offs, spaghetti suppers, tamales sales, taco dinners, pierogi parties, pancake breakfasts and more! This can be a great way to partner with a parish organization for help. Have your young people help with the event by serving food or by cleaning tables. Create posters for decorations. Have bios of the teens you are raising money for on the tables, so guests know who they are helping.

**Babysitting Opportunities:** Set up times when your teens can watch younger children for busy parents. Offer to babysit children while their parents are out shopping for Christmas presents or getting ready for a big holiday. Make sure adult chaperones are present as well.

**Donor Letters:** Craft a letter your teens can send to their family members, friends, teachers, coaches, or other community members asking for donations for your cause. Always remember to say thank you in the letter. Regardless of whether they donate, the recipients of your letter have taken time out of their days to read your words. Ask them to pray for you.

**Movie Night:** grab a big screen, a family friendly movie, and order some pizzas.

**Second Collection:** Talk with your pastor to see if your parish can hold a second collection for your youth ministry. Have young people serve as ushers.

**T-shirts:** If your group is planning on making t-shirts for the event or conference, take orders from parishioners as well. That way, they can feel even more invested in your young people and will have a wearable reminder of what they gave to. It will also help the community come together.

**Game Night:** Have a collection of games people can come and play. You can offer a prize for the winner of each game tournament and sell snacks to bring in a bit of extra cash from the fundraiser.

**Envelope Fundraiser:** Lay out on a table a collection of envelopes with money amounts written on the front. One version has 100 envelopes. On each envelope there is one money amount, \$1, \$2, \$3 and so on until there is an envelope from \$1-\$100. Encourage parishioners to take one envelope and give what is written on the envelope. Another way is to have a set number of envelopes with one money amount. For example, 20 envelopes with \$1 on it, 20 envelopes with \$5 on it, 20 with \$20 on it, 20 with \$50, 10 with \$100, and 10 blank ones where people can write their own amount. It's a quick, fun way of encouraging parishioners to give what they can. Make sure you collect their information when they turn in their envelope so you can send them a thank you card!

**Penny/Coin Collection:** Invite the parish to bring unwanted pennies or coins to the parish and collect them in jars/water cooler jugs, or buckets. Those pennies add up!

**Kickball/Dodgeball Night:** Have a fun night with the kids of your parish. Don't forget to invite a round for parents to play too!

**Sponsor a Youth:** Layout how much the trip or event will cost. Invite community members to sponsor part of the event. For example, layout ticket cost, travel expenses, the cost for a meal, or other expenses.

**Selling Items:** There are many options out there for you to have your ministry sell things for profit, like candy bars, cookie dough, pretzels, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, and more. Two Catholic organizations we recommend are SockReligious and Tiny Saints.

- **SockReligious** is a Catholic sock company out of Indianapolis. They sell socks with designs inspired by saints and liturgical living, <https://sockreligious.com/pages/fundraising>
- **Tiny Saints** is a Catholic keychain company. Each keychain is a tiny saint. <https://www.tinysaints.com/pages/onlinefundraising>

**Widdy Up Online Fundraising** (<https://www.widdyup.com/>)- plays to teens love of Tik Tok and YouTube, making videos

**Work with local restaurants to help staff a parish evening** - % of sales goes to NCYC

**Flamingo Raids** - Get a flock of plastic pink flamingoes from Oriental Trading Co. (800-228-2269) and announce that parishioners can have anyone's yard "Flamingoed" for a \$50 donation (the youth group sneaks into their yard at night and places 2-3 dozen flamingoes all over it with a sign saying they've been "Flamingoed" with a note from the person who paid for it and that, for a donation, the youth group will come and take them away). You can also sell "insurance" for \$50 that keeps flamingoes out of a person's yard (recommended for Parish Staff and Pastoral Council leaders!). A great community builder for the group.

**Flower Sales** - These work great, especially for Spring, Easter and Mother's Day. Have youth selling carnations (and stick pins) before and after each of the masses.

- [Dutch Mill Bulbs](#) in Annville, PA will "donate 50% of the profits from your order to the cause you select."

**Donut Sales** - Hold after mass every Sunday. **NOTE:** If you are doing Krispy Kreme sales, be sure to call them ASAP - they are limited in the number of donuts they can make for each Sunday for church sales.

### Other Ideas

- **Dress Down Day** for schools - charge a few dollars to not wear uniforms for the day.
- **Silent Auction**

**A big THANK YOU to all who have contributed to this list from other Diocesan Directors to Ministers of our Archdiocese!** If you have a fundraiser you would like to share, please send it to [phillyomy@archphila.org](mailto:phillyomy@archphila.org).

