



# National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Encounter with Pope Leo XIV

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR MEDIA OUTREACH AND PARTNERS

### 1. *What is a digital encounter?*

Pope Leo XIV will be participating in a live remote conversation from his office in the Vatican and able to see and hear the expected up to 15,000 young people participating in the National Catholic Youth Conference, and they will be able to see and hear him as well. Of those attending in person, 10-15 young people will be chosen from the registered participants to dialogue with the Holy Father.

### 2. *How long will the encounter take and what will happen during that time?*

The digital encounter is expected to last 45 minutes and will consist of welcome remarks from Pope Leo XIV, brief welcome remarks from youth representatives, a live Q&A session with the Holy Father and closing remarks and a blessing, as well as a thank you exchange with NFCYM's Episcopal Advisor, the Archbishop of Philadelphia.

### 3. *When will this happen?*

Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:15 am ET | 4:00 pm Rome Time during the Friday morning general session of the National Catholic Youth Conference which will run from November 20-22, 2025.

The EWTN broadcast feed will start earlier at least 30 minutes earlier.

### 4. *Where will this take place?*

Participants will be in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana and the Holy Father will be in the Apostolic Palace. This will be part of the three-day experience hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

The encounter will also occur online, through broadcast and livestreaming platforms including but not limited to YouTube, X, Facebook, and the EWTN on-demand and streaming application, EWTN+.

### 5. *How will the 10-15 participants be chosen?*

In the spirit of synodality, the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) is committed to a selection process that prioritizes having representation that reflects the diverse realities of young Catholics in the United States to interact with Pope Leo XIV during the Digital Encounter at the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). Eligible participants must be registered\* for NCYC by September 30. Those selected will be contacted on October 15, and NFCYM will work with them to prepare for dialogue with the Holy Father.

*\*Note: NCYC registration includes a purchased pass and a fully completed registration process, which includes parent or guardian signatures.*

### 6. *What is NCYC?*

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high

school age) and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premier Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ.

NCYC was created by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), an organization committed to advancing the field of pastoral ministry to young people in the United States. Founded in 1981 at the encouragement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, NFCYM's mission is to support and strengthen those who accompany young people as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ.

The 2025 Conference will take place November 20-22, 2025, at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN.

*7. What is the theme of this year's conference?*

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 Emmanuel—God with us.

*8. How can I participate?*

This event is intended for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. Youth are not permitted to purchase their own registrations and must be accompanied. Qualifying young people are invited to register for NCYC and to learn more here: [Who can attend? - NCYC](#)

*9. What will be available to the media/members of the press?*

On site media credentials are available and an on-site press conference with a representative of the Vatican, the Archbishops of Indianapolis and Philadelphia, as well as youth representatives will be held after the encounter with Pope Leo XIV. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

For more information on on-site credentials, please visit: [Media - NCYC](#)

*10. What is the nature of the partnership with EWTN?*

Through its Vatican offices, the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and its news division, EWTN News, will provide support to the Holy Father's livestream and will be the exclusive broadcast and streaming partner for this encounter.

EWTN coverage will include the major events of NCYC from November 20-22 as well as conversations with program participants, presenters, and event organizers and sponsors.