

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

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"We are humbled and thrilled to welcome the Holy Father to NCYC. His presence is a profound reminder that young people are at the heart of the Church and that their voices matter. NFCYM and NCYC have been the leaders in youth encounters and partners to the American Church for over 40 years. This encounter will remind the youth of their anointed place in the Church and the Church of the strength it has in its young people."

- Christina Lamas, *Executive Director of NFCYM*

"Even in a globalized world the Church can seem far away for young people. The Holy Father's choice to encounter the American Youth in this way is an expression of his closeness to Catholic youth, following in the footsteps of his predecessor Pope Francis who called the youth the "now of God."

- Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, *Archbishop of Philadelphia, episcopal advisor and board member to NFCYM*

"It's wonderful to welcome the Youth of the United States back to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis just a year after we had 60,000 Catholics there for the National Eucharistic Congress. Revival in the United States isn't something to hope for, it is something that is happening. I am please to partner with NFCYM, my brother bishops, and EWTN, to facilitate this important digital encounter."

- Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, *Archbishop of Indianapolis*

"This encounter with Pope Leo XIV will mark an important moment for the Youth of America. I am thrilled that we can offer EWTN's services for the 2025 conference and encounter by providing the means by which NCYC, NFCYM, and the Holy Father, will have a global vehicle of expression. We look forward to sharing this moment with the world."

- Michael P. Warsaw, *EWTN Board Chairman & CEO*

"The Jubilee of Digital Influencers and the Jubilee of Youth in Rome showed Pope Leo XIV's tenderness and desire to reach young people where they are. This is another sign of his desire to dream and hope with those he called his "young pilgrims of hope" to create a better world. The EWTN News team stands ready to share this message with all those who long to hear it."

- Montse Alvarado, *EWTN News President & COO*