



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

CYO/Youth &
Young Adult Ministry

August 15, 2017

Dear Youth Minister/Campus Minister:

On behalf of the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office and Teen C.R.O.S.S. (the Archdiocesan youth council), I invite you and your young people to join us for a wonderful celebration of the young Church in our archdiocese, **World Youth Day New Orleans 2017**.

Enclosed in this packet is all of the information you will need to both promote and attend this event. Please look for the following items and take a few minutes to read them thoroughly. There are many details and a careful reading will help everyone do the best planning possible.

- ❖ **Conference Overview & Planning Guide**
(registration, schedule, prices, lunch, parking, T-shirts)
- ❖ **Morial Convention Center building and parking map**
- ❖ **World Youth Day 2017 Publicity Suggestions**

Young Catholics are not just the future of our Church, they are part of the vibrant present, and to that end, gatherings such as World Youth Day are important occasions for them to experience the larger Catholic community beyond their local parishes and high schools. It is our hope that every parish and Catholic high school will have a delegation of young people present on October 22nd.

Some possible audiences to consider bringing include parish youth ministry programs/groups, CCD classes, and Confirmation candidates. High schools might consider campus ministry teams, retreat teams, student council, etc. Please make sponsoring a group from your parish or school a priority. Complete information can be obtained from www.wydno.com. Archbishop Aymond will be with us and looks forward to seeing your parish/school represented.

Our office staff is available to offer any assistance you may need to help make coming to World Youth Day a reality for your youth. Our staff is available to speak by phone, answer e-mailed questions, or meet with you in-person to promote World Youth Day 2017.

Thank you for **your commitment** to the young people of our Church. Please contact me at 504-836-0551, ext. 3219 or cyo@arch-no.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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OVERVIEW OF WORLD YOUTH DAY NEW ORLEANS 2017

- WHO:** All 6th -12th graders from across the Archdiocese of New Orleans are invited to attend; groups from parish youth ministry programs, religious education/ Confirmation classes, and schools are very welcome and encouraged! The junior high track is grades 6-7, and the high school track is for grades 8-12. (If you have 8th graders that are part of a junior high level group, contact the CYO Office to make arrangements.)
- WHAT:** The 32nd Archdiocesan Youth Conference held as part of the annual national celebration of World Youth Day! There will be inspirational speakers, workshops to deepen our faith and learn about teen issues, celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, praise & worship music, prayer opportunities, exhibitors and much more!
- WHEN:** Sunday, October 22, 2017
Check-in at 8:30 AM; program begins at 9:30 AM; day concludes at 5:00 PM
- WHERE:** Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans
Theater, La Nouvelle Ballroom & Meeting Rooms (enter at Hall I)
- WHY:** To join young people from across the greater New Orleans area in celebrating the young Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans; to gather, affirm, break open, and send forth!
- HOW:** Carefully review the following "preparation guide" and then register by going online at www.wydno.com by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 13, 2017. Credit card payments are accepted on the website or a check may be mailed to the CYO Office. Payments must be complete prior to the conference. This is the ONLY deadline and the cost is \$35 per youth. One adult may attend for FREE for every ten paid youth; additional adults can be registered for \$35 per person. There is no on-site registration.

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Jr High Rally

8:30 AM Registration opens/Music and icebreakers – Room 265-8
9:30 AM Opening Ceremonies – Room 265-8
10:15 AM Move to Workshops
10:30 AM Workshops – Round 1
10:50 AM Move to Workshops
10:55 AM Workshops – Round 2
11:15 AM Move to Workshops
11:20 AM Workshops – Round 3
11:40 AM Lunch/Exhibitors/Concert - La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom
1:00 PM Keynote–Ansel Augustine: Room 265-8
2:00 PM Interactive Stations
3:00 PM Concert – New Orleans Theater
3:30 PM Mass with Archbishop Aymond
5:00 PM Dismissal

High School Conference

8:30 AM Registration opens
Music/Icebreakers - Theater
9:30 AM Opening Ceremonies-Theater
10:15 AM General Session with Keynote by Ansel Augustine – Theater
11:45 PM Lunch/Exhibitors/Concert - La Nouvelle Ballroom
12:45 PM Move to Workshops
1:00 PM Workshop – Round 1
2:00 PM Workshops – Round 2
3:00 PM Concert – New Orleans Theater
3:30 PM Mass with Archbishop Aymond
5:00 PM Conclusion & dismissal

THEME & FEATURED SPEAKERS

ABOUT OUR THEME – PRICELESS

The Gospel reading for Mass on World Youth Day challenges us to “repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” We often allow the world to tell us what things are worth and we foolishly try to measure our own worth according to the same standards. The Gospel reminds us that we are in this world, but we not of this world. As God’s own creation, we are truly *Priceless*. Our worth and our value come from being a child of God. How do we, in gratitude, return “to God what belongs to God”? How do we respond to Him? This theme challenges us to recognize our worth and to spend time examining what we are doing in our own lives to connect with the loving God who created us.

KEYNOTE: ANSEL AUGUSTINE



Dr. Ansel Augustine is originally from the Archdiocese of New Orleans and served as the Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries and as the Associate Director/Coordinator of Black Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese after rebuilding his home parish, St. Peter Claver, following Hurricane Katrina. He is also on the Faculty of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Ansel has served on the national boards of NCYAMA and NFCYM, and has spoken around the country and written various pieces related to ministry. He presently serves in Campus Ministry at St. John's University in Queens, New York.

ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND



Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond joins us again for WYD. He will be with us throughout the day, in the morning session and workshop rounds, and as our celebrant and homilist for the World Youth Day Mass. His presence is a tremendous blessing for us. He wants young people to know that they are important to the Church not just as the future, but as part of the vibrant present.

WORKSHOPS

Junior high participants will rotate through three workshops presented by members of Teen CROSS. High School participants will have choices from among a dozen workshops in two rounds. Because of the increased space at the convention center, tickets will not be needed for these; each room has a capacity of over 200 people. A list of workshops/break-out sessions for high school delegates will be posted at www.wydno.com as they are confirmed.

PREPARING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY NEW ORLEANS 2017

ADVERTISING FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

- Review the publicity packet and www.wydno.com for an overview of the event
- Decide whether you will be bringing grades 8-12, grades 6-7, or both.
- If you haven't started already, make sure you're **running publicity** in your youth group newsletter, fliers, parish bulletins, e-mails, pulpit announcements, websites, social media, etc.
- Think about **where to find teenagers** to invite and recruit: the youth group, Confirmation class, CCD/PSR, etc.
- **Set a registration deadline** in the parish a few days before the archdiocesan deadline. Don't forget that a decision about pre-ordering lunch and getting T-shirt sizes must be included with conference registration.
- Remember that the **archbishop** is writing to all pastors, principals, youth ministers, and campus ministers about the importance of bringing young people to World Youth Day and having as many parishes and high schools represented as possible.

YOU'VE GOT YOUR GROUP, WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO BE PREPARED?

- Young people attending World Youth Day must be sponsored by a church parish or Catholic school. Individual registrations are not accepted.
- **Young people** in grades 6 and 7 are invited to the Junior High Rally track; young people in grades 8-12 are invited to the High School Conference. If your 8th graders are part of a junior high group or elementary school and you want them attending the junior high track, please contact the CYO Office in advance to arrange.
- Young people attending World Youth Day must be accompanied by **adult chaperones** over 21 years of age from sponsoring church parishes and/or Catholic high schools. There must be one chaperone registered for every 10 participants under 18 years of age, and these receive a complimentary registration.
- Chaperones must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, and must have met the **child protection/safe environment policies** of the Archdiocese of New Orleans as administered by the sponsoring church parish and/or Catholic high school.
- Groups should be sure to have **parental consent and medical consent forms** on each participant, and have copies with the group leader on the day of the conference.
- We encourage you to **insure** your youth with the CYO Office.
- **Dress code** for all attending is casual, but must be appropriate with no clothing containing messages inconsistent with Catholic teaching, no short-shorts, and no sleeveless shirts for boys. School/parish group T-shirts are encouraged.
- **Spending money** is suggested for exhibitor items.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY GROUP?

- Registration of \$35 per person includes the conference and T-shirt, but not lunch. See below for the section on lunch options.
- There are scholarships available by request with specific criteria that must be met. Please contact the office for more detailed information.
- Go to www.wydno.com and have the following information ready:
 - Number of youth in grades 6-7
 - Number of youth in grades 8-12
 - Number of adult chaperones
 - Number and type (hot dog, hamburger, or pizza) of individual meals if you're not bringing your own lunches
 - Total of all T-shirt sizes needed
 - Method of payment (check mailed, or credit card online.) All payments must be complete *before* the conference or check-in will be denied.
- Registration for World Youth Day must be completed **by 5:00 PM on October 13, 2017**, via www.wydno.com
- There are no refunds for unused registrations
- Since you are registering a "number" and not "names," substitutions are allowed and do not have to be coordinated with the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office.

LUNCH OPTIONS

- Conference attendees have two options for lunch: bringing their own or pre-ordering meals provided by the Morial Convention Center. Although the Riverwalk Mall is open, the food court will not be staffed to handle our convention. Also please note that outside food is not allowed into the Riverwalk. Please respect our request to not use Riverwalk; if you must leave the convention center area, please be advised that groups returning late from lunch will not be allowed into sessions once they have begun. This is disruptive to our presenters.
- **Option #1:** pre-order individual lunches for \$11 per person. The choices are a 1) hamburger with chips, 2) hot dog with chips, or 3) personal pizza with fresh apple. A canned soft drink is included with all packages. Choices must be indicated during the online registration process. These meals are prepared and provided by the Morial Convention Center and may be eaten inside the building.
- **Option #2:** bring your own lunch from home. If you choose this option, you must leave your bags/ice chests in your vehicles, retrieve them at lunch time, and eat outside in the Mississippi River Heritage Park located down Convention Center Blvd. Convention Center policy prohibits outside food from being brought into or consumed in the building. Keep in mind that in the case of rain, food will still not be allowed into the Convention Center. Convention Center staff will enforce this at the entrances. Please respect the policy.

TRANSPORTATION, DIRECTIONS, & PARKING

- **Transportation** to and from World Youth Day is the responsibility of the sponsoring parish or Catholic high school; archdiocesan guidelines regarding transportation should be followed. If your group is small and/or costs are an issue, don't forget to consider joining with a neighboring parish to rent/use a school bus. **If you are interested in combining with another parish for transportation, e-mail cyo@arch-no.org and we will publicize to all parish youth ministers.**



- **Directions:** The Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Convention Center is located at 900 Convention Center Blvd. in New Orleans. The halls/lobbies are lettered from A through J, going from Poydras Street towards uptown. From wherever you are coming, eventually you will need to get to the interstate heading toward downtown New Orleans. From either the eastbank just before the Crescent City Connection or from the westbank just after the bridge, exit at Tchoupitoulas Street, and go all the way to Convention Center Blvd.
- **Drop off and parking:** Busses should unload at or near the Hall I lobby and may remain parked on Convention Center Blvd if space allows. Parking for passenger vehicles is available in various pay lots marked on the enclosed map. Passenger vehicles may not park in front of the convention center. Police and/or sheriff's deputies will be on duty to manage traffic.

ARRIVAL, CHECK-IN, & CHECK-OUT

- **Registration check-in:** An adult group leader should check-in at the registration tables in the Theater lobby of the convention center (2nd floor above Hall I). Group leaders will receive conference wristbands, T-shirts, printed programs, and lunch tickets (if pre-ordered.) Wristband colors are pink-adults, orange-high school, and lime-junior high. If you are bringing your own lunches, you must leave these in your vehicle and retrieve them at lunch time. No outside food is allowed into the convention center; their staff will enforce this by checking bags at the doors. Junior high and high school delegates will eat lunch at the same time.
- **Separating junior high and high school delegates:** Once you have distributed wristbands and printed programs, junior high delegates will be escorted by Teen CROSS members to their general session space, and all high school delegates should proceed to the Great Hall. The CYO Office asks you to split your adults so that some go to the junior high rally and some go to the high school conference. If you have only one adult attending with your group, that adult may choose which track to attend.
- **Check out:** If anyone participant needs to leave before the end of the event at 5:00PM, he/she must be signed out at the registration table by one of the adult chaperones for his/her group. Please walk the participant to the registration table to sign him/her out and have the parents meet you at the registration table.

OTHER RULES AND POLICIES

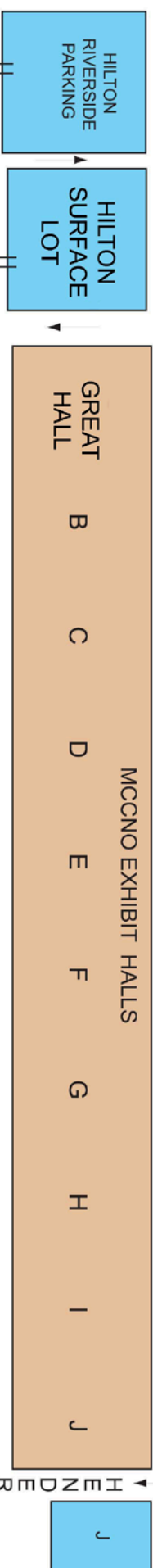
- Participants are expected to **remain in the Morial Convention Center** during all conference activities. No young person will be allowed out of the conference area of the building without the escort of an adult chaperone, and unaccompanied minors will be detained by conference security and/or police if attempting to leave the building.
- **All directives** from the CYO Office staff, conference security staff, convention center staff, and police are to be respected and followed.
- Care should be taken in all facilities and with all property so that **no damage** is caused. Vandalism will be subject to prosecution and/or fines.
- All due **respect** should be shown to speakers, presenters, entertainers, etc. who have, in many cases, donated their time and resources for the benefit of the youth of the archdiocese.
- **Do not bring** illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, weapons, flammable materials, or any other item that could be dangerous and/or distracting to conference events. This includes I-pods, MP3 players, headphones, etc. Cell phones must be on silent or off for the duration of the World Youth Day.

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.WYDNO.COM

RIVERWALK MARKETPLACE

NEW ORLEANS ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER AREA PARKING MAP

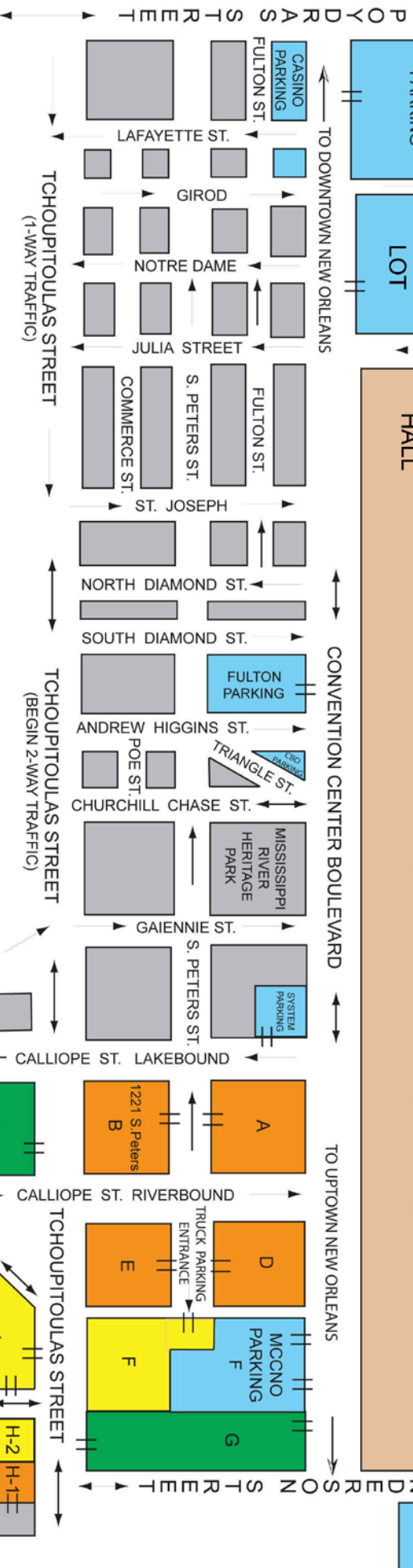
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TO DOWNTOWN NEW ORLEANS

CONVENTION CENTER BOULEVARD

TO UPTOWN NEW ORLEANS

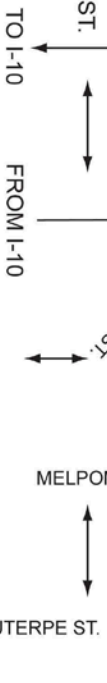


Approach from the East

Take I-10 West toward downtown New Orleans. Take exit 234C Westbank/Highway 90. Continue onto Westbank/Highway 90. Pass the St. Charles exit and take the next exit which is Tchoupitoulas/South Peters St. (Tchoupitoulas is the last exit before you cross the bridge). Continue straight on Calliope St. Riverbound.

Approach from the West

Take I-10 East towards Slidell/Downtown New Orleans. Merge right continuing on I-10. (DO NOT TAKE I-610 TOWARDS SLIDELL). Stay in the 2 left lanes and veer onto exit 234A on the left toward Westbank/Highway 90. (DO NOT REMAIN ON I-10 TOWARDS SLIDELL). Exit right at Tchoupitoulas/South Peters St. exit (Tchoupitoulas is the last exit before you cross the bridge). Continue straight on Calliope Street Riverbound.





PUBLICITY SUGGESTIONS

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS... for use in September and early October to alert parents and families and recruit teens

ATTENTION: JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The 32nd archdiocesan youth conference, World Youth Day New Orleans, will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Morial Convention Center. The theme is *Priceless*, and the day features many dynamic speakers, including Ansel Augustine, over 2,000 teens, praise & worship, Mass with Archbishop Aymond, and more! There is a track for grades 6-7 and a track for grades 8-12. To register, contact _____ by _____. We hope to have our parish/school well represented. Don't miss out!

WANTED: YOUTH WILLING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

This year's World Youth Day New Orleans, sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017, at the Morial Convention Center. Thousands of teens from parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate being the young Church, deepen their faith, pray together, and share time with Archbishop Aymond. Will you be in that number? To register, contact _____ by _____.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Youth ministry newsletter
- Parish website
- Facebook page or event
- Text reminders
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Phone campaign

