

# ACYC JUNIOR 10/5/19 REGISTRATION PACKET

*This packet contains IMPORTANT AND TIME-SENSITIVE information. Please pass this on to the junior high youth ministry leader or contact person for junior high youth ministry at your parish. Thank you and God bless!*

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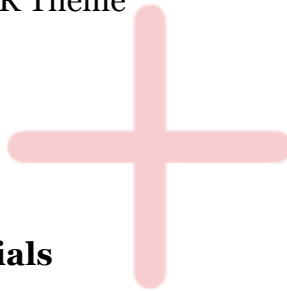
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ACYC JUNIOR!



UNASHAMED

**CONFERENCE CHECKLIST FOR GROUP LEADERS:**

- Read over the entire packet first and contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry if you have any questions
- Make copies of youth registration forms and distribute to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade aged young people of the parish
- Make copies of the ACYC JR. promo flyer and place them around your parish and/or school
- Recruit chaperones! Please bring one (1) chaperone for every seven (7) youth.
- Complete all registration forms and return to the OYM by September 23, 2019.

**DUE TO OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY BY  
SEPTEMBER 23 2019:**

- Group Registration Form
- Group T-Shirt Order Form
- Individual forms for each participant (For youth: Registration, Liability, Code of Behavior) (For adults: Registration, Liability)
- One check for your group's entire registration fees (Youth + Chaperones) (can be brought to the event by parish/school request)

***Please mail all of your ACYC JR. registration forms and check (made payable to Archdiocese of Mobile) in one envelope to:***

**Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
Attn: ACYC JR.  
352 Government St.  
Mobile, AL 36602**

## Introductory Letter & ACYC JR. Theme

For many years, the high school aged youth of the Archdiocese of Mobile have come together for an annual Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference, most commonly called ACYC. After much prayer and discernment, the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry rebranded the diocesan junior high youth rally as ACYC JR. The most recent ACYC JR. in October 2018 attracted over 145 participants.

We hope that the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of our diocese will come together, much in the same way that our high school teens gather for ACYC. Because we see this event as a close extension of ACYC for the high school teens, ACYC JR. follows a similar purpose, structure, and theme to the high school conference.

The theme for this year's ACYC JR. is "UNASHAMED." Our young people will be challenged to live a holy boldness in their middle school, at home and with their friends. They'll be encouraged to be courageous and to recognize themselves as a child of God.

We hear from St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy: "For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." (2 Timothy 1:6-8)

Young people often hear, "just be yourselves." Yet, they often struggle with their identity, what it means to be themselves. Christ does not want us to "just be us" but he calls us to be a new creation in Him. What does it mean to be unashamed of your identity as a child of God and a disciple of Jesus Christ? We hope to unpack that at ACYC JR.

Our young Church is not only the future of the Church; they are an integral part of the Church of today. Young people from our parishes and Catholic schools are encouraged to join us at ACYC JR. for fun, fellowship, and faith.

We pray that by God's grace through the intercession of the Blessed Mother that our time together as one Archdiocesan family be full of grace and peace to lead us forward in building up the Archdiocese and the Kingdom of God through a deeper unity with Jesus Christ.



UNASHAMED

2 Timothy 1:6-8

ACYC *JUNIOR!*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- ACYC JR. will be held at Corpus Christi Parish in Mobile, AL., on October 5, 2019. We will be in the banquet hall. Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m., and the programming will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our day will close around 5:00 p.m.
- Conference Registration Fee is \$30 per participant (youth and chaperone). Registration includes lunch, t-shirt and all Conference supplies and activities.
- We understand that some parishes may not have a middle school youth ministry program; however, we do not want to exclude those parishes. If families would like to register as a group, they are more than welcome to do so if the parish is unable to register a group.
- Photos and videos of our conference may be used for Archdiocesan publicity including but not limited to OYM website, the Catholic Week, OYM social media, recap and promo videos, etc. If a parent would like to opt their child out of the photographs and video, please contact OYM.

When preparing your group for registration, please keep these things in mind:

1. No individual registrations will be accepted. Registration must be as a parish group or family registering as a group.
2. ACYC JR. is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade aged students and chaperones only.
3. All chaperones must be in compliance with the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy. Each parish is responsible for verifying their chaperones' compliance.
4. There must be one (1) chaperone for every seven (7) youth participants.
5. All names, t-shirt sizes, and registration forms are due to the OYM by September 23, 2019. Payment may accompany the packet, or may be turned in on the day of the event by parish/school request.
6. To be considered registered- every person must have a registration and liability form, plus the "code of behavior" form for each youth, turned in to the OYM.

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 251-433-4138 or [oym@mobarch.org](mailto:oym@mobarch.org)

Group Registration Form

**GROUP (Parish/Family/School) REGISTRATION FORM  
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GROUP LEADER**

SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION TO:  
Office of Youth Ministry  
Attn: ACYC JR.  
352 Government St.  
Mobile, AL. 36602

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**Archdiocese of Mobile**  
Please send one check for your  
entire group, or bring with you on day of event.  
Credit Card payment available - contact OYM.

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Leader's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**      **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

**Number of Adult Chaperones** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please remember that for every seven (7) youth participants there must be one (1) adult chaperone.

**Number of Youth Participants** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Attendees** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount =** \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to send a completed registration form and liability release form for **each** person attending with your group. Please also send a signed code of behavior for each youth. No youth will be registered without all 3 signed forms.

**I have read and will comply with all requirements of ACYC JR. registration.**

**Group leader signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*Conference payment may accompany this form.*

# T-Shirt Order Form

*Must be returned by September 23, 2019, to get the sizes requested. Please fill out this form and return it with your group registration form. All t-shirts for participants are included with the registration fee. There is an additional charge for XXL and XXXL t-shirts as noted below.*

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Leader's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Size</u>	<u># of Shirts (YOUTH + ADULTS)</u>
Adult Small	_____
Adult Medium	_____
Adult Large	_____
Adult XL	_____
Adult XXL	_____ additional <b>\$3 each</b>
Adult XXXL	_____ additional <b>\$3 each</b>

**Total # of Shirts** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due for XXL and XXXL Shirts:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include one check for your group's fees for larger t-shirts.** You only pay extra for the XXL & XXXL sizes – all t-shirts are included in the price of registration.

**Make checks payable to:** Archdiocese of Mobile

## ACYC JR. Guidelines for **ADULT CHAPERONES**



Dear Chaperone:

First, thank you for your willingness to serve as a part of ACYC JR. Without you and your active participation, your young people could not attend this event and we are appreciative of your ministry as a chaperone. As we tell our young people, you will only get out of the conference what you put into it. We thank you for the generosity of your time and talents.

Young people look to you as mentors and guides. They will pick up if you are not participating fully in a session, in prayer, etc. Chaperones are as much of participants as our young people, so our staff expects you to fully and actively participate in all activities as much as possible. If we are praying, we are ALL praying. If we are singing, we are ALL singing.

The following are some guidelines that you should be aware of in preparation for ACYC JR. this year:

- As a chaperone, you are expected to attend and supervise your youth at all sessions and workshops during the conference. Please have your group arrive a few minutes before sessions begin to ensure that everyone is on time.
- Youth and adults must wear their nametags at all times.
- Chaperones must refrain from tobacco use and alcohol consumption during the conference. We understand how difficult this may be for those who smoke or chew tobacco, but we ask that you make the sacrifice for the sake of our young people
- You may not bring or possess illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind.
- Please do not bring laptops or iPads to conference sessions. Chaperones are expected to supervise our young people and to avoid technological distractions.
- Turn cell phones off or to silent mode during all conference sessions.
- Each parish accepts full responsibility for any damage or theft caused by members of their group while attending the conference.

**Every parish must adhere to the Archdiocesan chaperone ratio of one adult per seven youth participants (1 to 7). Parish group leaders are responsible for the actions of the members of their group. Adult chaperones in each group are asked to enforce the code of behavior and set an example for ALL young people at the conference.**

**Chaperones do not have “free time” away from their youth during the conference. Adult chaperones are to know the whereabouts of each of their attendees at all times.**

Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines!

**+ The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Staff**

### Adult Chaperone Registration Form

You must register with a group. No individual registrations will be accepted.

Please check all that apply:  Group Leader  Chaperone

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dietary Restrictions (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult T-Shirt Size (*circle one*)    Small    Medium    Large    XL    XXL\*    XXXL\*

\*There is an additional \$3.00 fee for XXL and XXXL sizes.

#### Registering for the Conference

To register for the conference, complete the following and return to your group leader:

- Adult Chaperone Registration Form
- Adult Liability Release Form

By registering for this conference, I agree to follow the rules and code of conduct as established by the Archdiocese of Mobile, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, my parish and Corpus Christi Parish (host). I recognize that I could be removed from the conference for not complying with the rules, and that my removal would be reported to parish/school administration. I will not bring drugs, alcohol or weapons to ACYC JR.

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





LIABILITY RELEASE FORM
Adult Chaperones

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to participate in this parish youth ministry event that requires transportation to the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference Junoir (ACYC JR.) at Corpus Christi Parish in Mobile on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend my parish, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the Archdiocese of Mobile, its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives associated with the event, from any and all liability claims, loss or damage arising from or in connection with my participation in this event.

In case of an emergency, I hereby give permission to be transported to a hospital for emergency or surgical treatment. If needed for health reasons, I give permission to be evaluated, diagnosed, treated and/or given medication in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I relieve the Archdiocese of Mobile of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of this treatment. I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling medical treatment. I wish to be advised as soon as possible prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

Adult Chaperone Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Chaperone Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications/Drug Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent information: Attach a note for special physical, diet and/or medical consideration.

### Youth Participant Registration Form

You must register with a group. No individual registrations will be accepted.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Dietary Restrictions (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (*circle one*)    Adult Small    Adult Medium    Adult Large    Adult XL  
Adult XXL\*    Adult XXXL\*

\*There is an additional \$3.00 fee for XXL and XXXL sizes.

#### Registering for the Conference

To register for the conference complete the following and return to your group leader:

- Signed Youth Registration Form
- Signed Code of Behavior Form
- Signed Liability Release Form

By registering for this conference I agree to follow the rules and code of conduct as established by the Archdiocese of Mobile, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, my parish and the host, Corpus Christi Parish. I recognize that I could be removed from the conference for not complying with the rules, and that my removal would be reported to school/parish administration. I will not bring drugs, alcohol or weapons to ACYC Jr.

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

Youth Liability Release

## LIABILITY RELEASE FORM Youth Participants

I (parent or guardian's name), \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in this parish youth ministry event that requires transportation to the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference Junior (ACYC JR.) at Corpus Christi Parish in Mobile, AL., on Saturday October 5, 2019.

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend my parish, the Office of Youth Ministry, the Archdiocese of Mobile, its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives associated with the event, from any and all liability claims, loss or damage arising from or in connection with my child's participation in this event.

In case of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency or surgical treatment. If needed for health reasons, I give permission for my child to be evaluated, diagnosed, treated and/or given medication in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I relieve the Archdiocese of Mobile of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of this treatment. I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling medical treatment. I wish to be advised as soon as possible prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Insurance:  Yes  No  
 Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Medications/Drug Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

If I am unable to be reached at the time of the emergency, please contact:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent information: Attach a note for special physical, diet and/or medical consideration.

### ACYC JR. Code of Behavior for Youth Participants

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that by participating in ACYC Jr., I am promising to cooperate with the conference leaders and staff, youth ministry leaders, chaperones, the young people in my and other youth ministry programs, and the Holy Spirit. I promise to behave as a Catholic young person and to follow directions and rules, knowing that I represent my church parish and the Archdiocese of Mobile. If I do not follow these standards I can be dismissed from the conference. If I am removed from the conference, the proper administration at my parish and/or school would be notified.

I understand that I may not bring tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs, nor may I purchase and/or consume alcohol or drugs during the conference. I will not bring any sort of weapons to the conference. If I do, I understand that I will be immediately dismissed from the conference, and that my removal would be reported to parish/school administration.

I will also be an example to others in modesty and speech. I will dress in a fashion that represents modesty and good taste, respecting other participants and our Lord. I will use positive and wholesome speech during the conference, understanding that foul and abusive language is not permitted.

I will attend all conference activities and wear my nametag at all times in order to gain admission to conference activities.

I will adhere to the following rules:

1. I will be prompt so Conference sessions start on time.
2. I will not bring my cell phone to the Conference sessions.
3. I will not bring other forms of technology and electronics to distract me from the conference and its activities.

I have read, understand and agree to the above code of conduct.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the code of conduct and understand that if my child should break the code of conduct in a way that requires his/her dismissal from the conference, I will pick up my child within 4 hours of the initial call. I understand that the pastor and/or school administration would be notified of any discipline situation involving my child. I understand that the OYM staff has the final decision in enforcing these standards. I will ensure that my child does not bring any alcohol, illegal drugs or weapons to the conference.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_