

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017 REGISTRATION PACKET

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

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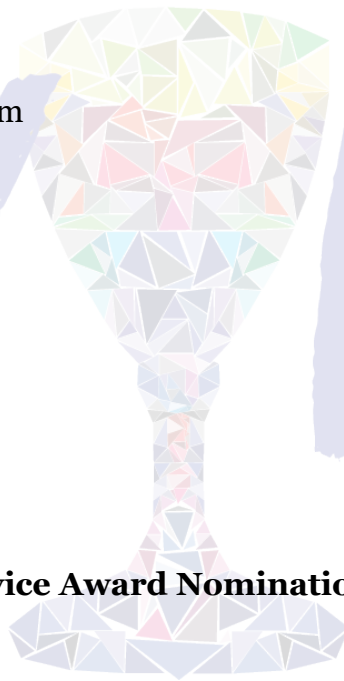
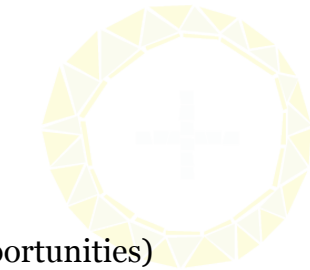
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CONFERENCE CHECKLIST FOR GROUP LEADERS:

- Read over the entire packet first and contact the Office of Youth Ministry if you have any questions
- Make copies of youth registration forms and distribute to high school aged teenagers of the parish
- Watch the 2017 ACYC Promo video with your young people
- Make copies of the ACYC promo flyer and place them around your parish and/or school
- Encourage your teens and parish to collect quarters and other items for “Immerse at ACYC” service projects
- Publicize ACYC in your parish bulletin, other parish communications, and youth ministry or parish social media accounts (using the hashtag #ACYC17)
- Recruit chaperones! Please bring one chaperone for every seven youth.
- Complete all registration forms and return to the OYM by February 1, 2017.
- Reserve your rooms at the Perdido Beach Resort by February 1, 2017. *Each parish is responsible for making their own hotel reservations separately. The Office of Youth Ministry does not reserve hotel rooms for parishes.*



DUE TO OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY BY FEBRUARY 1, 2017:

- 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)
- Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Service Award nomination form

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

**Office of Youth Ministry
Attn: ACYC 2017
352 Government St.
Mobile, AL 36602**

INTRODUCTORY LETTER & ACYC THEME

In 2016, over 480 teens, young adult volunteers, adult chaperons, priests, seminarians and religious gathered in Orange Beach for the annual Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference (ACYC) for the Archdiocese of Mobile. Those gathered were challenged to be UNITED as the young Church of today. Having united themselves to Christ in Word and Sacrament, the young Church in the Archdiocese of Mobile will REVIVE their faith at ACYC 2017.



Our theme for ACYC 2016 is “REVIVE.” At ACYC, the youth of our Archdiocese will have the opportunity to gather with their peers and adult leaders, coming together to be revived by the Holy Spirit. Whether this is your first or tenth ACYC, it’s time to REVIVE your relationship with Jesus in a new way.

In our prayerful discernment of this year’s theme, we recognized the negativity that surrounds our young people, who strive for sainthood in a culture that rebels against Truth. Our young people need to be challenged and encouraged to stand firm in their faith, to be a beacon of light in the darkness. To be witnesses to the Gospel, we’re calling for a revival. The Scripture we will be using as a foundation for our weekend is Psalm 80:19-20.

We will not withdraw from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, and we shall be saved.

Our annual conference is the one time a year that all of us – from Dothan to Daphne to Mobile to Montgomery and beyond – gather together for fellowship, inspiration, prayer, and more. What better way for young people to REVIVE their faith than with their peers from across the lower half of Alabama?

We pray that the Holy Spirit sets a fire in our hearts and souls as we REVIVE at ACYC 2016. The Church needs our teenagers to set the world on fire, and it starts by growing and strengthening a relationship with a God who is madly in love with them. The young Church must energize and renew us from within. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Join us in Orange Beach for ACYC 2017. 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- The Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference will be held at the **Perdido Beach Resort** in Orange Beach, Alabama, from **February 17-19, 2017**.
- **Each Parish must make their own hotel room reservations.** The Office of Youth Ministry does not reserve hotel rooms for parishes. Room reservations are done separately from ACYC registration forms that will be sent to OYM. You must make your room reservations by **February 1, 2017** in order to receive the discounted prices below.

**Perdido Beach Resort
27200 Perdido Beach Blvd.
Orange Beach, AL 36542
Phone: (251) 981-9811**

- Rooms have been reserved for our Conference at a special rate of \$109 for Deluxe Queens rooms (4 teens in a room).

If you wish to upgrade accommodations, the following rates are offered: Pool View Rate of \$129; Gulf Front Rate of \$149; Courtyard Suite of \$189. Pricing for one-bedroom and two bedroom executive suites with parlors is available upon request to OYM.

NOTE: The above rates are exclusive of state and local taxes.

- To make your hotel room reservations, please use the attached Rooming List form for the Perdido Beach Resort. Please contact the resort with specific questions about hotel rooms and reservations.

NOTE: When booking your room block for ACYC, please use our special group code: 11666. You must use this code to receive our discounted rates.

NOTE: On the Rooming List form, the billing choices include charging rooms to the Master account. This is NOT an available option for ACYC 2017.

- Conference Registration Fee is \$145 per youth participant. Chaperones have a discounted registration fee of \$100. Registration includes 5 meals (Friday late night pizza party, Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast), t-shirt and all Conference supplies and activities.

- Check-in for your hotel rooms will take place at the front desk of the hotel. We recommend that you check in between 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in order to get settled into your rooms before the Conference begins.

- Group check-in for the Conference will take place from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Friday night, February 17, 2017 at the Convention Center Registration area on the lobby level of the Perdido Beach Resort. Only the parish adult leader needs to check-in to receive the Conference materials for your entire group.

- The Conference will officially begin at 8 p.m. on Friday night and end at noon on Sunday following the closing Mass.

- 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.

- Based on YML Feedback, the promo video will be online for viewing and sharing. Physical DVD's of the promo video are available by request only. You can find the promo video on our website and here: https://youtu.be/8NPvul0WK_8

- During ACYC 2017, teens will have a hands-on service experience, coordinated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Proceeds of the service will be benefit groups locally and internationally. Please read the “Immerse at ACYC” information and encourage your young people to begin collecting the requested items.

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.
2. ACYC is open to high school age teenagers 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 chaperone for every 7 youth participants.
5. No chaperones may share hotel rooms with youth unless they are immediate family per Archdiocese of Mobile Field Trip Policy.
6. All names, t-shirt sizes, registration forms, and conference final payments are due to the OYM by February 1, 2017.
7. 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 Ministry at 251-433-4138 or oym@mobilearchdiocese.org



Group Registration Form

**GROUP REGISTRATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GROUP LEADER**

SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION TO:
Office of Youth Ministry
Attn: ACYC 2017
352 Government St.
Mobile, AL. 36602

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Archdiocese of Mobile
Please send one check for your
entire group. **Hotel room payments
are to be paid directly to the hotel.**

Group Leader's Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: **Work** _____ **Home** _____

Cell _____ **Fax** _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Number of Adult Chaperones _____ X \$100 = _____

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

Number of Youth Participants _____ X \$145 = _____

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 registration.

Group leader signature _____

Conference payment must accompany this form.



T-Shirt Order Form

T-Shirt Order Form

Must be returned by February 1, 2017, 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: _____

Size	# of Shirts (YOUTH + ADULTS)	
Small	_____	
Medium	_____	
Large	_____	
XL	_____	
XXL	_____	additional \$3 each
XXXL	_____	additional \$3 each

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 Guidelines for **ADULT CHAPERONES**

Group Leaders: Please have every adult chaperone read the following guidelines in preparation for bringing your teens to ACYC.

Dear Chaperone:

First, thank you for your willingness to serve as a part of ACYC 2017. Without you and your active participation, your young people could not attend the Conference 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. The following are some guidelines that you should be aware of in preparation for ACYC 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.
- All participants (chaperones and youth) must refrain from tobacco use and alcohol consumption during the weekend. 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. If you must smoke, please do so discreetly and only in a designated smoking area.
- You may not bring or possess illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind.
- Please do not bring iPods, laptops, iPads, etc. 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.

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.

Each parish accepts full responsibility for any damage or theft caused by members of their group while attending the conference.

Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines. We look forward to seeing you in Orange Beach for ACYC 2017!

+ The Office of Youth Ministry Staff



Adult Registration Form

Adult Chaperone Registration Form

(Group Leaders: Make copies of this form for each chaperone)

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

Registration deadline is FEBRUARY 1, 2016.

Please check all that apply: Group Leader Chaperone

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

I would be interested in serving at the ACYC liturgies in the following ways:

Lector (*Circle*) English Spanish Gift Bearer Usher

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

Check with your parish group leader for the total cost of the conference. Your group leader will send one check for the group and all registration forms with their group registration 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 Ministry, my parish and Perdido Beach Resort. 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 the ACYC.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Adult Liability Release

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM
Adult Chaperones

I, _____ agree to participate in this parish youth ministry event that requires transportation to the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL from Friday, February 17, 2017 to Sunday, February 19, 2017.

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend Perdido Beach Resort, 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 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 Registration Form

Youth Participant Registration Form

(Group Leaders: Make copies of this form for each participant)

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

Registration deadline is FEBRUARY 1, 2016.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____ High School: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____

I would be interested in serving at the ACYC liturgies in the following ways:
_____ Lector (*Circle*) English Spanish _____ Gift Bearer _____ Usher

I would be interested in participating in on-stage icebreakers and games.
(*Circle*) YES NO

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:

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

Check with your parish group leader for the total cost of the conference. Your group leader will send one check for the group and all registration forms with their group registration 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 Ministry, my parish and Perdido Beach Resort. 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 the ACYC.

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 at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama, from Friday, February 17, 2017 to Sunday, February 19, 2017.

I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and personal representatives, to hold harmless and defend Perdido Beach Resort, 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.



YOUTH CODE OF BEHAVIOR

ACYC Code of Behavior for Youth Participants

I, _____, understand that by participating in ACYC, 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 adult 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 at my parent's expense. 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 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: _____

Archdiocese of Mobile Office of Youth Ministry
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Youth Award

Description:

The Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Youth Award is a distinguished honor that recognizes young men and women from the Archdiocese of Mobile that exhibit characteristics consistent with the saintly life of Blessed Seelos. Youth should only be nominated for the award by their pastor or youth minister if they are truly exemplary in the areas of spirituality, service, and leadership among their peers.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos:

Born on January 11, 1819, in Germany, Francis Xavier Seelos was a Redemptorist priest who preached and ministered to German immigrants in the United States. He spent nine years at St. Philomena Parish in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, working alongside St. John Neumann in preaching missions. Seelos modeled pastoral kindness in understanding and responding to the needs of the faithful, especially young people. His enthusiasm for the Gospel was felt in parishes from Pittsburgh to Baltimore to Detroit to New Orleans, where Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos died in 1867 after contracting yellow fever while ministering to those sick and suffering with the disease. St. John Paul II beatified Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos in 2000. His feast day is October 5.

Criteria:

- Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for others to follow
- Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity
- Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others
- Exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and community settings
- Willing to sacrifice time and personal desires for the good of the community
- Shares a joyful spirit despite personal difficulties and trials

The Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Youth Award will be presented to youth nominated by their Pastor and/or Youth Minister at the annual Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference (ACYC).

Nomination Form for the
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Youth Award

This form is to be completed by the Pastor or Youth Ministry Leader.

One nomination form from each parish will be accepted.

Parishes should not feel obligated to nominate a young person if there is not an outstanding candidate in their parish youth ministry. Youth should only be nominated for the award by their pastor or youth minister if they are truly exemplary in the areas of spirituality, service, and leadership among their peers.

The Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos Youth Award will be presented annually at the Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference to deserving youth from the Archdiocese of Mobile.

Teen's Name _____

Teen's Address _____

Parish _____

Summary of Teen's spiritual, service, and leadership activities/experience and reason for nomination: (Please be specific regarding reasons for nomination in 275 words or less)

_____ (continue on back if necessary)

Nominator's Name: _____

Position at the Parish: _____

Signature: _____

Please mail this form with your ACYC registration forms to:

Office of Youth Ministry

Attn: ACYC

352 Government St.

Mobile, AL 36602