

Evan Weary, sophomore: "I really enjoyed the music, Adoration, Mass, and reconciliation. It helped change my life and made me look at life in a different perspective."

Nick Chasey, junior: "I really loved the music because it lifted everyone's spirit. The breakout sessions were very powerful."

Jacob Gorman, senior: "I enjoyed the breakouts, reconciliation, and the speakers on stage because they showed me how powerful God's love is and what prayer can do for you."

Sanjay Stanley, sophomore: "I enjoyed just walking around and talking to people between sessions. Everyone had different origin stories and different things to say, but everyone was still united around the Catholic faith."

Nathan Geater, junior: "I really enjoyed all of the talks. It was powerful hearing the speakers' stories and seeing all the people in the stadium was also really cool."

Sam Kellen, sophomore: "I really enjoyed the breakout sessions and all of the other talks. To hear about everybody's stories from all over the country was really impactful to me and made me realize how big our God really is."

Eliza Loecke, freshman: "The best part for me was how meaningful Mass and the Eucharist were after learning so much and becoming so much closer to God. I feel so loved, and I want to go out and share that love with others now."

Elaina Deardorff, freshman: "Adoration was one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had. Just having 20,000 people all praying and celebrating God was so meaningful to me! NCYC was one of the best experiences I've ever been on."

Abigail Dies, freshman: "The best part for me was the Mass. I really enjoyed the music and energy the house band brought. I enjoyed seeing so many people from all around the country praising God and learning about our faith together."

Anna Tallman, freshman: "NCYC was an amazing experience! Personally, NCYC had a huge impact on my personal prayer life, and I left the conference on fire for my faith!"

Nora Aitchison, junior: "It was all awesome! Confession was super great."

Mary Thatcher, junior: "NCYC was great! The most memorable thing was seeing 20,000 other people in Adoration."

Alanna Schroeder, sophomore: "I really enjoyed NCYC especially with going more in depth on spreading the word, talking about how our generation is the church of now and the ones that believe that we can change the world. It was awesome!"

Katrina Bernhard, junior: "My favorite part of NCYC was being able to worship Jesus with over 20,000 other people especially getting to sing Holy Spirit songs during Adoration! It really made an impact on me."

Julia Divine, sophomore: "I really loved getting closer to Jesus, especially in Adoration. It was so impactful to see 20,000 people worshipping Jesus all together."

Anna Nguyen, sophomore: "I loved reflecting, talking about our faith with everyone is something I will never forget."

Keara O'Brien, sophomore: "My favorite part was Adoration, seeing everyone run up, kneel to try and be closer to Jesus."

Julia Sillman, sophomore: "My favorite part of NCYC was getting to spend time with so many Catholic people."

Jacob Burns, freshman: "My favorite part of NCYC was all the people I met and reconciliation."

Chase Oetker, freshman: "My favorite part of NCYC was being around so many people."

Peter Stahr, sophomore: "What I found cool was all of the inclusion of everybody in the stadium, like with people going up to kneel in front during Adoration."

Alex Reed, sophomore: "The one thing that I really loved was the feeling of family that NCYC provided. I felt God's love throughout the weekend, never ceasing."

Henry Kellen, freshman: "My favorite part of NCYC was being with 20,000 other people who believe the same things I do, who go through a similar life that I do, and who are all singing and dancing and are happy."

Austin Loomis, freshman: "My favorite part of NCYC was playing kazoos on the bus."

Carly Dolan, freshman: "The most meaningful part of NCYC was all of the people. The other teenagers were full of passion for God and made me feel like I was a part of this huge Catholic community."

Jessica Loecke, adult chaperone: "It was incredible to watch thousands of young people so excited about their faith. The speakers and music were incredible. It was an amazing experience!"

Susan O'Brien, adult chaperone: "While the whole trip was absolutely amazing, inspiring, faith filled from beginning to end and very organized there were a handful of moments that stood out. Adoration with 20,000+ youth is beyond words. Even though we were in a huge stadium you could hear a pin drop and then hundreds of youth rushed to the altar with a desire to be as close as they could to Jesus and kneel before Him in adoration. I was so filled with hope for the Church. If you can send your child to NCYC and even go along I would highly recommend it."

June Burns, adult chaperone: "Adoration, reconciliation and the music with a message and the opening session speakers and Bible study as a large group Friday morning!"

Mindy Stahr, adult chaperone: "NCYC was the 'booster shot' my faith needed right now. My favorite moment (among many amazing ones) was looking down the line of our teens at mass Saturday night seeing the face of Jesus in each one."

Zeke Mientkiewicz, group leader: "My God moment was being blessed to see our teens' joy and excitement whether it was participating in the Liturgy, playing Gaga, or sharing our thoughts."

Ben Kellen, adult chaperone: "I had high expectations for NCYC and it was still far beyond anything I expected. It was what I didn't expect that I will always remember: witnessing how the youth responded, grew in faith, affirmed others and then thought me how I can do the same."

Matt Aitchison, adult chaperone: "The biggest take away for me is the sense of community. Within our group and the greater church. Watching our kids experience Christ's love for them and getting to see him move there heart was special. That moved my heart! I enjoyed every moment."

Charles Bernhard, adult chaperone: "Traveling with our youth group and being at NCYC was an extraordinary experience for me. I truly encountered Christ and had so much fun. We worshipped, prayed, and played together. NCYC was an experience of a lifetime!"

Jenni Sillman, adult chaperone: "I experienced so many holy moments both individually and as I watched our young church. Two things that stand out. The first is celebrating mass with over 20,000 other people. Second, and most moving for me was to experience the joy grow within each of the students in our group as they truly realized that they are so unconditionally loved!"

