

Ames NCYC 2021 Participant Quotes from Experience at NCYC

Sam Kellen, Sr. Ames High, “It was so amazing to see so many energetic young people come together not only because of their love for Jesus' but because of Jesus' love for them.”

Tim Read, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “My experience at NCYC was life changing. The love and inspiration is beyond measure. There are no reasons I can think of to not attend this event in 2023.”

Julia Divine, Sr. Ames High, “I felt so loved and seen at NCYC. Even though there were 10,000 other people, I truly felt like every single person was special and important.”

Elaina Deardorff, Jr. Ames High, “My favorite part of NCYC 2021 was the Mass at the end! It was so impactful because 10,000 teens were there celebrating Jesus and what he's done for us!”

Elle Nguyen, So. Gilbert High, “It was great to meet so many people from all over the states in one place, especially those who share the same faith that I do.”

Josh Romitti, So. Ames High, “My favorite part of NCYC was the live music and when the whole crowd sang the lyrics. This was one of the most memorable weekends of my life and I would highly recommend going.”

Chase Oetker, Jr. Ames High, “I went to NCYC in 2019 two years ago, it was so much fun and I had to do it again. Going in I expected the same thing but it was completely different. Through the music and the speakers I felt my faith grow every second I was there.”

Sami Berg, Jr. Ames High, “I loved being able to come together as a community from all around the US and meet new people who share the same faith.”

Isaac Powers, So. Ballard High, “My favorite part of NCYC was the communion I really felt connected to my faith”

Cecilia Pelzer, So. Ames High, “NCYC was an amazing experience. I was able to experience my faith in a whole new way surrounded by people my age. It was so fun to meet new people and learn about my beliefs.”

Leah Mostek, So. Gilbert High, “My favorite part of the NCYC was communion during final mass. Just watching everyone receive the body of Christ really showed me just how many people that share the same faith as me.”

Charlotte, So. Homeschooled, “My favorite part of NCYC was the mass at the end! And the music too! I will never forget it and highly recommend going.”

Theresa Murphy, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “The joy, love, and faith of 10,000 youth was beautiful and inspiring.”

Nora Ryan, So. Gilbert High, “NCYC was a wonderful experience. I learned so much and have grown stronger in my faith. The music really touched me and was one of my favorite parts of NCYC.”

Sarah Thatcher, So. Gilbert High, “NCYC was absolutely amazing! It was incredible to hear and feel so many people praising God at one time. Getting to sing and dance among 10,000 Catholics was definitely my favorite part.”

Eliza Loecke, Jr. Ames High, “I loved celebrating and growing our shared beliefs, especially led by the amazing musicians.”

Abigail Dies, Jr. Gilbert High, “My favorite part from NCYC was the final mass. It was so moving to be able to worship with the community we built and reflect on how our faith grew during the trip.”

Deanna Gerber, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “Attending NCYC as a chaperone is so moving! You truly encounter Christ and grow deeper in your faith but you also get to witness teens growing in relationship with Jesus. The very best of both!”

Charlotte Canny, Fr. Ames High, “Saturday night mass at NCYC was amazing. It was incredible to be around thousands of other people all sharing the same faith. I felt so close to God this weekend.”

Kari Kellen, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “If God asks you what do you want Him to do for you, make sure you have an answer for Him like Bartimaeus...’I want to see’. It’s also just as important to ask God what He wants you to do for Him.

Becky Murphy, So. Ames High, “One of my favorite parts of NCYC was sitting there being surrounded by thousands of teens all connected by the faith, singing and dancing to the music.”

Peter Stahr, Sr. Gilbert High, “My favorite part of NCYC was being able to talk to so many different people and trade hats with them, along with the opportunity to sing with thousands of other Catholics.”

Mindy Stahr, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “Experiencing the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation as well as Adoration with thousands of enthusiastic young people is the best! Our faith is alive- there is no need to fear!”

Libby Moore, Jr. Gilbert High, “I had such a great time at NCYC! I grew closer with my faith, as well as my fellow peers! All of us getting together with 10k other people all united by Christ was a great sight to see!”

Austin Loomis, Jr. Ames High, “Attending mass with 10,000 is truly impactful, everyone singing and praying together makes you feel connected with each individual person there.”

Yvonne Romitti, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “The weekend was amazing and was so much fun that it feels like it went by in 2 seconds. It was so beautiful to see so many teens and chaperones celebrate their love of Jesus in many ways! Mass, adoration, music, speakers, meeting people from everywhere!”

Clare Stahr, So. Gilbert High, “I had many great experiences during NCYC, and one of the most incredible moments was the closing mass. Having so many people there and feeling the Holy Spirit resonate within the space was absolutely amazing. I loved talking to new people and being surrounded by people who share my faith, and I felt that the music and speakers brought together so many different people and made it such a great experience in general.”

Elizabeth Klocke-Sullivan, Fr. Ames High, “I loved NCYC and being able to just worship God with all these people from around the country. Even though I didn’t know all the people around me, I still felt such a strong connection in singing, dancing, praying, and receiving the Eucharist with them. It was truly amazing!”

Henry Kellen, Jr. Ames High, “The most profound moment at NCYC for me was sharing mass and eucharist with 10,000 other people, and the fact that Jesus chose to dwell in the bodies of all of them.”

Pat Stahr, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “Our teens are amazing! Watching them and their love help encourage me to grow in my own faith. So powerful to see all the teens, adults and clergy at the Mass. and the joy and energy of the

teens with the music. Great to see all the energy in such a positive venue. Great speakers with much energy at so many of the sessions I was able to attend. Thank you Holy Spirit!”

Tina Colburn, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “I have never felt so energized! It was amazing to be with so many Catholics of all ages. Experiencing worship and praise in such a new and powerful way with great upbeat music and testimonies is something that only God could have a hand in.”

Isaac Ryan, Sr. Gilbert High, “The music at NCYC is beyond amazing, that in itself makes everything seem much more electric and respectful at the same time. NCYC enriches everything you ever knew about the Catholic faith!”

Carly Dolan, Jr. Gilbert High, “My biggest takeaway from NCYC was how much being bold and outgoing can contribute to one's faith and relationship with God. I especially loved the sessions involving music and multiple speakers. There were also so many opportunities offered to us that it was impossible to decide what to do.”

Susan Vernon, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “I loved seeing the beautiful diversity within the Church celebrated in such visible and powerful ways and I loved seeing young people I have known since they were small embracing their faith as young adults. I am overwhelmed and inspired by our high schoolers!”

Marsha Dies, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “Amazing experience! It was so great to see our community come together with other Catholics to share our love of the Lord. So much fun. So much joy. So much love.”

Brad Powers, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “NCYC was such a positive, loving and inspiring event. Being part of our Catholic high school students journey helped me grow in my faith and made me want to be more involved in our faith community.”

Bethany Aitchison, Fr. Homeschool, I loved adoration and mass because there were so many people from all over the place together. The worship music was amazing as well.

Sophia Vernon, So. Ames High, “It was incredible to pray at the same time as so many other Catholics, whether we were all saying the same prayers or different prayers during adoration, it was powerful.”

Jackie Royer, Adult Chaperone/Faith Mentor, “I was filled with the Spirit of the Lord.”