

Goals of ACYC 2019 - *The Joy of Our Faith*

Goal: Provide opportunities for participants to encounter Christ.

Objectives:

- Daily Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- Community building games and activities.
- Communal Reconciliation Service.
- Exposition with Adoration.
- Authentic speakers and presenters that are knowledgeable and passionate about the Catholic faith.
- Create and sustain a holistically safe environment throughout the conference.

Goal: Inspire and equip participants to live as today's saints.

Objectives:

- Well planned times of prayer throughout the conference.
- Keynote addresses by engaging speakers.
- Pertinent and applicable workshops.
- Fellowship, Community Building, and Service opportunities.
- Safe, appropriate, and comfortable overnight accommodations available for participants.

Goal: Build community and healthy connections between local church leaders with youth.

Objectives:

- Free time to converse and enjoy the company of one another.
- Fun mealtime activities to provide laughter and interaction with others.
- ACYC Tonight Show featuring the Bishops of Alaska and others.
- Daily Liturgy of the Eucharist with a variety of presiders and priests that concelebrate.
- Personal invitation to local church leaders to prepare and present a workshop at ACYC.
- Invitation to parish leaders to take on a variety of leadership roles in planning for and implementing the conference.

Goal: Encourage participants to return to their parish communities and be involved.

Objectives:

- Go to new parish locations for ACYC 2019.
- Invite parish leaders to attend ACYC and journey in faith with the young people from their parish.
- Cantor, choir, music leader, lector, and other liturgical ministry training and opportunities.
- Pertinent and applicable workshops.
- Encourage parish leaders to bless the young people and chaperones before ACYC during a communal gathering and plan a series of follow up meetings afterwards.

Goal: Provide a glimpse and an experience of the larger universal church.

Objectives:

- Speakers, emcees, programs, and musicians from outside of Alaska intermixed with local church leaders.
- A variety of prayer experiences such as the Rosary, Divine Office, Lectio Divina, Mass, Exposition with Adoration, Benediction, spontaneous prayer, etc.
- Workshops, activities, and keynotes with an intentional and general focus of the universality of the church.

Goal: Provide opportunities to learn about the Catholic faith and a variety of ways to live it throughout our daily lives.

Objectives:

- Community building games and activities throughout.
- Service project(s).
- Pertinent and applicable workshops.
- Keynote addresses.
- Authentic adult leaders to accompany and journey in faith with the youth throughout the week.
- Well planned times of prayer & liturgies.

Goal: Build and strengthen community amidst the Catholic teens of Alaska.

Objectives:

- Hike, social activities, prayer, broad invitation to many to attend, and all that is listed above.

“A Christian is never bored or sad. Rather, the one who loves Christ is full of joy and radiates joy.”
Pope Francis on Facebook & Twitter 2013