

**The Western Diocese of the
Polish National Catholic Church Presents...**

**Youth Gathering 2025
“God’s Kingdom Builders”**

July 21-24, 2025 at Walnut Ridge Retreat Center, in Morgantown, Indiana

Open to all Youth (Ages 8* – 20) & Adults

*(*parent/legal guardian is required to attend for those ages 8-10)*

**Early Bird Fee: \$150.00 per person received by May 31, 2025
\$200.00 per person received after May 31 and no later than June 16, 2025**

All registrations must be submitted no later June 16, 2025.

Checks made payable to:

Western Diocese PNCC

Mail completed & signed forms with payment to:

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Attn: Youth Gathering 2025
6629 W. 133rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303-7503

Participant Information:

Participant Name _____ Sex: M or F

Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____ Email address _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (*if applicable*) _____

Parish Name _____ City/State _____

Chaperone Name _____ Parish _____

Room Buddy (List 1 Person) _____ Parish _____

Emergency Contact Information: (not attending Youth Gathering)

Emergency Name _____ Relation to Participant _____

Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Transportation Information (please ✓)

Will you be traveling: *Alone* *Group* → If you checked *Group*, how many in your group? _____

Will you be traveling by: *Bus* *Car* *Van*

Health Information: (If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.)

Participant's Doctor _____ Phone (_____) _____

Insurance Co. Name _____

Medical Insurance _____

ID number

Group number

Cardholder's name

Participant's allergies, if any, including medication and foods with reactions _____

Participant's special dietary needs _____

Participant's chronic medical problems (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy) _____

Participant's current medication (RX & OTC) _____

Participant's other physical restrictions (if any) _____

General Information (please ✓)

Primary language spoken: English Polish Spanish Other _____

T-Shirt Size: (Adult Sizes) Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

Would you be willing to serve as... acolyte choir member lector musician* usher

*If you checked "musician", which instrument do you play? _____

WESTERN DIOCESE PNCC YOUTH GATHERING WAIVER:

I, _____, am either an emancipated adult or the parent or guardian of a minor child who will be participating in the YOUTH GATHERING '25 OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH ("YOUTH GATHERING '25") I am fully aware that my own/my child's participation in The Event is totally voluntary. In consideration of YOUTH GATHERING '25's agreement to permit me/my child to participate in The Event, the receipt and sufficiency in which consideration is hereby acknowledged, I agree as follows:

I, individually, and on behalf of my minor child, if applicable, and our respective heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby:

1. Release, acquit and forever discharge YOUTH GATHERING '25 and their employees, agents, servants, officers, trustees and representatives, in their official and individual capacities, from any and all liability whatsoever for any and all damages, losses or injuries to persons or property or both which arise out of, during or in connection with my/my child's participation in The Event which may be sustained or suffered by me/my child or any person in connection with my/my child's association with, or participation in, activities at, sponsored by, or arising out of my/his/her travel to or from The Event;
2. Agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless YOUTH GATHERING '25 and their employees, agents, servants, officers, trustees and representatives, in their official and individual capacities, from any and all liability, loss or damage they incur or sustain as a result of any claims, demands, actions, causes of action judgments, costs or expenses, including attorneys fees, which result from arise out of relate to my/my child's participation in The Event including my/his/her travel to or from The Event.

I hereby acknowledge and accept that:

1. There are certain risks arising from various activities, including but not limited to bodily injury, that could result from my/my child's participation in The Event. I have knowingly and voluntarily decided to assume the risks of these inherent dangers in consideration of YOUTH GATHERING '25's permission to allow me/my minor child to participate in The Event;
2. My and, if applicable, my child's personal property is at my risk entirely;
3. YOUTH GATHERING '25 reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me/my child in The Event at any time should my/his/her actions or general behavior impede the operation of The Event or the rights or welfare of any person. I understand that I/my child may be required to leave The Event in the sole discretion of YOUTH GATHERING '25's agents and representatives. In such an event, no refund will be made for any unused portion of The Event. I understand that YOUTH GATHERING '25, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel The Event or any aspect thereof prior to commencement.

I represent and warrant that I am/my child is covered throughout The Event by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance which provides coverage for injuries which I/he/she may sustain as part of my/his/her participation in The Event. I agree to complete the HEALTH INFORMATION above to the best of my ability and, by its completion, I hereby release and discharge YOUTH GATHERING '25 of all responsibility and liability for any injuries, illnesses, medical bills, charges or similar expense/he/she may incur while participating in The Event. By completing the form, I hereby authorize YOUTH GATHERING '25 to obtain any necessary medical treatment to myself/my child, consent to any necessary examination, treatment, or care under the supervision and/or advice of any properly licensed medical professional and explicitly authorize YOUTH GATHERING '25 to release medical information about me/my child to any person or entity to whom YOUTH GATHERING '25 refers me/my child for medical treatment.

I agree that this Agreement is to be construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Illinois and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, and if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance hereof shall continue in full legal force and effect. In addition, I agree that any legal action arising out of or in relation to this Agreement must be brought in a Cook County, Illinois court.

I hereby grant to YOUTH GATHERING '25 my consent without reservation to use, assign, convey, reproduce, copyright, publish my/my child's name, voice, image, and/or likeness that arises from his/her participation in The Event, whether still or motion pictures, audio or video tape, which includes publication on the internet (church websites & social media) for promotional, instructional, business or any other lawful purposes, at YOUTH GATHERING '25's sole discretion.

In signing this Agreement, I hereby acknowledge and represent that I have read this entire document, that I understand its terms and provisions, that I understand it affects my legal rights as well as, if applicable, those of my child, that it is a binding Agreement, and that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily.

Signed: _____ **Dated:** _____

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July 21 – July 24, 2025

Rules and Regulations

For all Participants, Guests, Clergy and Chaperones

This list of Rules and Regulations is for everyone in attendance and is intended to allow you to have an enjoyable and safe experience at Youth Gathering & Walnut Ridge Retreat Center.

We encourage you to...

- have an awesome time at Youth Gathering!
- follow all rules and regulations of Youth Gathering and Walnut Ridge Retreat Center.
- be aware that you are responsible for your conduct at all times.
- attend all sessions, activities, Mass and Prayer Services.
- dress appropriately at all times.
- be sure to limit all social activity to public areas only.
- use recreation equipment and facilities in a proper and safe manner.
- put away all recreation equipment that was used.
- respect your fellow neighbors at night and be considerate of their needs, especially those younger participants.
- respect for all plant life and wildlife.
- stay on the property of Walnut Ridge Retreat Center at all times.

We discourage the following...

- use of electronic devices (cell phones, etc.) is not permitted during Holy Mass, Prayer Services, sessions or activities. All are either to be left at home, locked in your car or in the secured in your room during these activities.
- socializing in lodging rooms with members of the opposite sex.
- inappropriate dress (no lewd or profane t-shirts, clothing that is too small, too tight, etc.).
Everyone is to wear modest non-revealing clothes; this includes bathing suits.
- use of foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- loud noises after 10:30 p.m.
- use of alcohol, illegal drugs, fireworks or firearms are strictly prohibited by all participants.
- use of tobacco, must be of legal age and in designated areas only.
- not to rearrange beds or other furnishings without permission from Walnut Ridge Staff.
- leaving Walnut Ridge Retreat Center under any circumstances, unless granted permission by the Diocesan Youth Chaplain, Deacon Douglas Scott.

Violation of these rules and regulations will be handled by the Youth Gathering Tribunal.

I have read and understand these rules:

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature is required for all participants 17 years of age or younger