



National Catholic Youth Conference emcee Vallimar Jansen, left, talks with conference participant Brogan Resch from the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wis., about her brother's miraculous recovery following a hunting accident during the Friday morning general session on Nov. 18 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



National Catholic Youth Conference participants, from left, Isaac Owen, Tommy Gunderson, Andrew Eilert and Steven Gunderson from St. John the Baptist Parish in Beloit, Kan., in the Diocese of Salina, Kan., pray during the closing Mass on Nov. 19 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



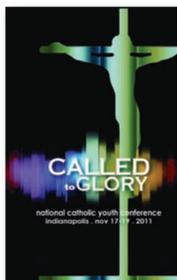
Sydney Speka of the Diocese of Dubuque, Iowa, from left, and Janelle and Kim Gengler of the Diocese of Salina, Kan., enjoy the music during the opening night general session of the National Catholic Youth Conference on Nov. 17 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



Christ the King parishioner and North Central High School senior Annie Quigley of Indianapolis sings during the Friday morning general session of the National Catholic Youth Conference on Nov. 18 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

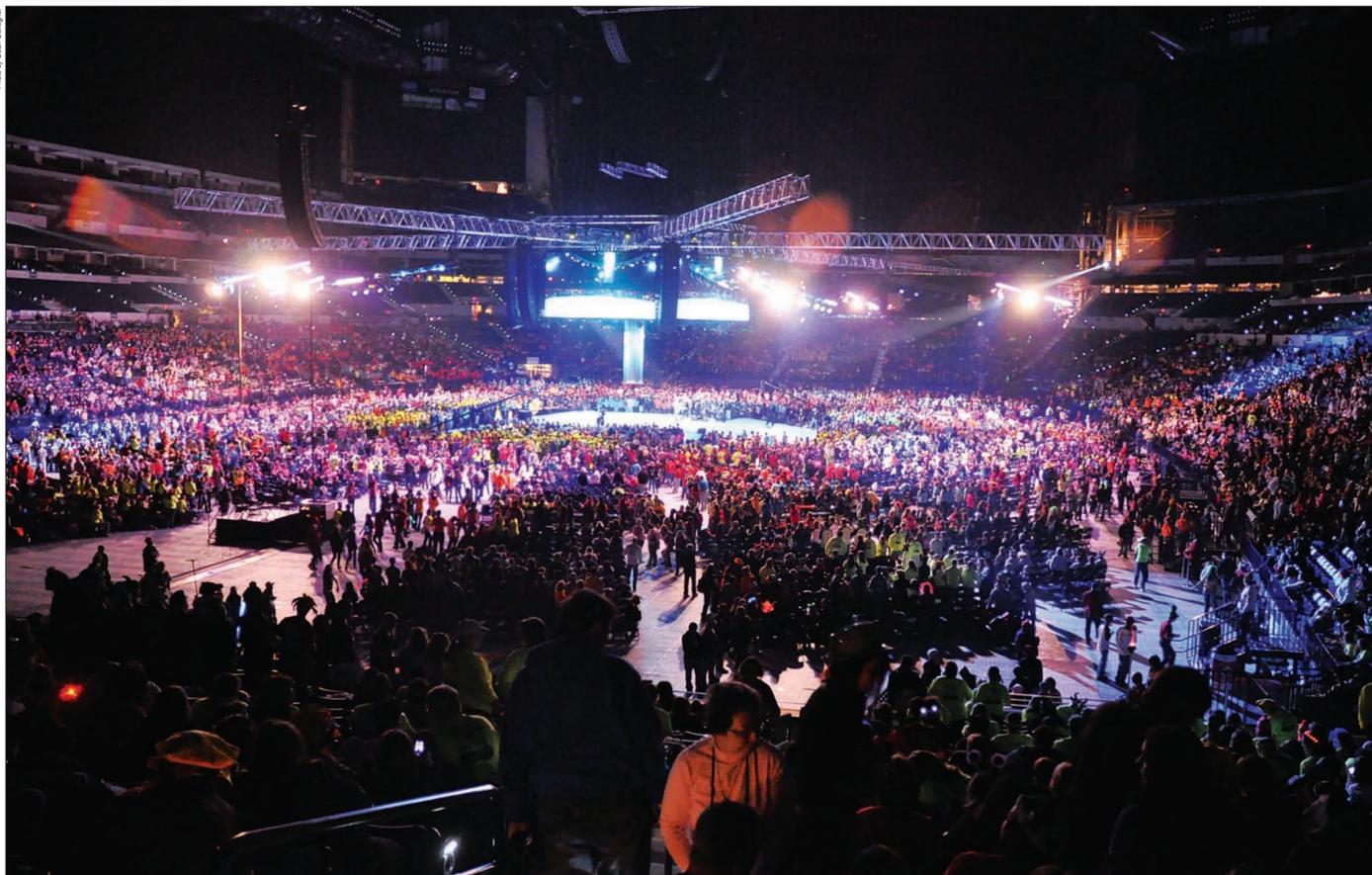


Bishop Chatard High School freshman Charlie Wessel from St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis welcomes National Catholic Youth Conference participants to the opening night general session on Nov. 17 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



# 'Called to Glory'

## Youths live out their faith at National Catholic Youth Conference



Above, with multicolored lights flashing, 23,000 National Catholic Youth Conference participants fill the floor and lower seats of Lucas Oil Stadium on Nov. 18 at the start of the conference's Friday night general session.

Right, a member of the Felician Sisters speaks about her order on Nov. 17 with Ellarose Stewart of Port Orange, Fla., right, in the National Catholic Youth Conference's "Vocations Village" at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Dozens of religious communities from around the country spoke about their charism and ministries with thousands of youths during the three days of the conference.

Below, Jean-Rene Tardie of Shreveport, La., talks with Bishop Paul D. Etienne of Cheyenne, Wyo., on Nov. 18 in the National Catholic Youth Conference's thematic park at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Bishop Etienne, previously a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was one of 29 bishops attending the conference.



Kevin Souza, left, handles a new batch of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies at the Indiana Convention Center on Nov. 17. A member of St. Christopher Parish in Galt, Calif., Kevin, 16, joined in the community service project that eventually delivered the cookies to women in prison.



Retired Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Ind., left, and Archbishop George J. Lucas of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., discuss the Catholic faith with National Catholic Youth Conference participants during a bishops' roundtable session on Nov. 18 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.



Father James Bonke, left, defender of the bond for the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal and associate pastor of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, applauds during the National Catholic Youth Conference closing Mass on Nov. 19 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. With Father Bonke are, from left, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of the Lafayette Diocese; Bishop Matthew Clark of the Diocese of Rochester, N.Y.; Bishop Peter F. Christiansen of the Diocese of Superior, Wis.; and Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.



Bishop Simon Bruté College seminarians, from left, Andy Hirsch of Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese; Cody Sandschafer of Sacred Heart Parish in Effingham, Ill., in the Diocese of Springfield, Ill.; Luke Hassler of St. Philip Parish in Mount Vernon, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese; and Patrick Hammas of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis pray during the archdiocesan Mass on Nov. 17 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis at the start of the three-day National Catholic Youth Conference last week.



Demarco Paschall, left, from the Diocese of Lansing, Mich., tries to use a fishing pole to stand up a bottle on Nov. 18. The game was one of the many carnival-like challenges at a booth set up by Salesian sisters, brothers and priests in the Victory Park area of the National Catholic Youth Conference.



Father Dustin Boehm, associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, carries the monstrance during an eucharistic procession from St. John the Evangelist Church to the Indiana Convention Center on Nov. 17 in Indianapolis. The procession was part of the biennial National Catholic Youth Conference, a three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones.