

# Seven Dolors Youth Newsletter

## Advent

We are starting our new liturgical year with the best season, Advent! The Advent season is made up of 4 Sundays, and is a time of prayerful anticipation for the coming of our Savior into the world! What are some ways that your family celebrates Advent?

## December

### Saints

Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier

Dec. 13 - St. Lucy

Dec. 23 - St John of Kanty

Dec. 28 - Holy Innocents

## NCYC 2021

Seven Dolors CYO took seven high school youth & two adults to Indianapolis, IN, to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). Due to the ongoing pandemic, the number of attendees was greatly reduced (from 26,000 normally to ~11,000 youth and adults this time), but the Holy Spirit set the hearts *Ablaze* for those present. The emcees were Sr Miriam James Heidland, SOLT and Brian Greenfield, of whom both were great witnesses for the work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of everyday life.

One of the highlights as always was Adoration -- the reverence and attention of 11,000 kneeling souls is always a sight to behold for those present. Adoration, as well as the continuous lines to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, speak to the beauty and depth of faith in the hearts of the young church. Our group attended multiple sessions, to include "*Faith Science and the Gift of Wonder*", "*Heaven Hell & Hot Topics*" and "*Trusting a God We Cannot See*". We also spent some time packing Christmas Joy Boxes for children in Haiti.

Indianapolis Archbishop Charles Thompson was the presider of the closing Mass. He sent attendees forth to homes and parishes to participate and have an active life of faith. He acknowledged the challenge that participants face, "It is easy when we are all here together sharing the same faith. It's another thing when we have to do that sometimes out on that limb alone...we cannot let the world get the best of us, but to dare to give our best to the mission of Jesus Christ of transforming the world. You possess that grace within you."

Seven Dolors CYO is grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference. We extend our appreciation to those who generously prayed for us and supported our fundraisers.

## Color Key

- 1 = Purple
- 2 = Pink
- 3 = Yellow
- 4 = Red
- 5 = Green

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