



Holy Fire 2019 FAQ SHEET

WHAT IS HOLY FIRE ABOUT?

Our Archdiocesan staff have received many requests from local communities throughout Chicago and beyond to organize an event for 6th to 9th graders. This event is designed around the baptismal call to witnessing our faith and is a wonderful opportunity for our Young Church to reflect more deeply on the gifts of the Holy Spirit through dynamic speakers, music, and the sacrament of the Eucharist.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

The Holy Father challenges our communities to become missionary disciples who are not afraid to witness the faith. We believe that a joint witness of more than 5,000 young people and their prayers will indeed help young people to see themselves as witnesses of Christ and members of a young Church.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

All 6th to 9th grade students from parish Religious Education programs and Catholic Schools together with their teachers, catechists, youth ministers, chaperones, and pastors are invited. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will celebrate the Archdiocesan Mass of the Holy Spirit.

WHEN AND WHERE IS HOLY FIRE?

The UIC Pavilion, now called Credit Union 1 Arena, will be our host for two mirror-days of programming. Groups can attend this event on either Friday, October 18 starting at 9 a.m. or Saturday, October 19 starting at 9 a.m. Bus parking will be available.

WILL TRANSPORTATION BE AVAILABLE?

All parishes, schools, and organizations must provide their own transportation, but financial assistance is available. Please indicate this on the scholarship application found at holymfirechicago.org.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND HOLY FIRE?

Similar to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), this will be designed around a community of prayer, witness, and joy. The Archdiocese of Chicago will provide world-class production, music, and international speakers.

Cost of the event will be \$35 per person (lunch and transportation costs are not included). Scholarships are available at holymfirechicago.org for those in need within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For additional information, please email holymfire@archchicago.org or call **312.534.3700**.