



# HOLY FIRE

## FAQ Sheet

### WHAT IS HOLY FIRE ABOUT?

Our Archdiocesan staff have received many requests from local communities throughout Chicago to organize an event for 6th to 9th graders. In partnership with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) and Declan Weir Productions (DWP), 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 will be our host for two mirror-days of programming. Groups can attend this event on either Friday, October 26 or Saturday, October 27 starting at 9 a.m. both days. Bus parking will be available.

### WILL TRANSPORTATION BE AVAILABLE?

The Archdiocese of Chicago can assist in the coordination of transportation at lower rates with neighboring parishes and schools to and from Holy Fire, but all entities using the transportation methods are responsible for covering transportation costs.

### 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. NFCYM and DWP will be providing world-class production, music and international speakers.

The cost of tickets increases incrementally as Holy Fire approaches. Tickets are \$33 if purchased on or before August 15, \$35 if purchased between August 16 and October 1, \$40 if purchased between October 2 and 22, and \$45 if purchased after October 23. Please budget another \$10-\$15 per person to account for transportation costs.

### ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HOLY FIRE?

Yes, scholarships are available for those who qualify. Please click [here](#) to download the scholarship application. All applications are due by Thursday, September 20. If you are applying for a scholarship, please do not purchase tickets, as subsidized tickets will be purchased through the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For additional information, please email [holyfire@archchicago.org](mailto:holyfire@archchicago.org) or call **312.534.3700**.

