



St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

Rules and Regulations

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The St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference exists in order to share the Gospel of Christ with the youth of today. For the safety and security of all attendees the following policies and procedures must be observed.

DEFINITIONS

- A. A **group** is one adult leader with one or more youth participants.
- B. A **group/youth leader** is the adult responsible for organizing the trip and serving as a contact person. The group leader ordinarily attends the conference personally. If the group leader does not attend the conference, we will need to know the name of the adult who will be in charge of the whole group while on the weekend itself.
- C. A **chaperone** is an adult, age 21 or older, attending the conference to chaperone the youth.
- D. A **youth** is a participant in the conference who is entering 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of the conference year, or is a high school graduate of that conference year.
- E. A **participant** is a chaperone, youth or a group leader present for the conference.

REGISTRATION AND COST

The cost of the conference for all attendees (not volunteers or Priests or Religious) is \$200. This includes the conference fee, all conference meals, a T-shirt, string bag, water bottle and assorted goodies and includes the hotel cost. The hotel cost reflects a room with the capacity for 4 persons. Additional costs will be added for requests for 3, 2 or 1 to a room. Please refer to the Hotel cost outline for more information.

Full payment is due on June 5th. Make checks payable from your group to: St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

Please try to have a youth minister or group leader register prior to any youth attendees. When a youth attendee registers, they will need to include their group name. A group is defined as 1 leader and 1 or more teens. The group leader must be at least 21 years old.

Everyone must register online. The additional forms provided in the registration process must be filled out completely and sent into the conference office by the group leader as soon as they are available.

All volunteers must register in the same way and will be contacted with more information regarding their request to help.

CHAPERONES

The conference weekend is very demanding physically. The conference has an intense schedule with long days and short nights, dispersed meeting locations, loud music and large crowds. Chaperones should consider these factors before committing to participation.

Because of the deep spiritual experience of the weekend and because chaperones serve as the primary facilitators of this experience, they need to be spiritually mature. Please be sure the words and actions of all adults reflect the values of the Catholic Church at all times.

Chaperones need to be present with their youth during all scheduled sessions. The only exception is during the special sessions for youth ministers and chaperones. Chaperones need to be aware of the physical, emotional and spiritual state of their youth during the conference. Being present and engaged with the youth during free time and small group time will greatly aid in this. By experiencing the conference together, chaperones and youth will be able to talk about the topics and issues as well as pray with them. Chaperones need to communicate any serious problems or issues to the conference staff.

All adult chaperones and group leaders ARE RESPONSIBLE for these guidelines. Group leaders should meet with all of their chaperones and youth to review what is expected of them prior to the conference. It is very important for the safety and welfare of our young people that we all understand these guidelines. Violation of SIJYC Policies and Procedures may result in dismissal of a participant from the conference. In this case, no refund will be offered. Transportation home due to the above dismissal is the responsibility of the individuals group leader.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The conference provides room assignments based on the requests of the groups on a first come first served basis. If we need to change rooms around to be most economical, we will notify the people affected. We cannot guarantee all room requests.

Group Leaders will be responsible for specific room and roommate assignments, once conference staff assigns a room or block of rooms. The Group Leader should inform the conference hotel staff of the specific participants assigned to each room and should insure that participants adhere to the assignments throughout the weekend.

Groups are requested to submit a breakdown of the number of adult and youth, male and female participants by conventional mail, phone, or email by June 5. The chaperone-youth ratio must be at least 1 to 5 (for every five male youth attending, at least one male adult chaperone must attend; for every five female youth participants attending, at least one female adult chaperone must attend).

Upon arrival on Friday afternoon, hotel registrars will assign arriving groups to their appointed room(s).

There is overnight security provided to all conference attendees. Security staff will monitor hallways during the evening but will not monitor rooms. If there is a disturbance within any individual room the security staff will wake the corresponding group leader and they will be required to get up and address the situation. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

The conference will ask that all chaperones assure that their teens are in their proper rooms and settled down for bed before they retire. Lights out will be 12:30am and we ask that everyone respect that time limit. We will all be up early in the morning with a long day ahead of us. Please get as much rest as you can.

Please be sure to leave the hotel rooms and all common areas in the same condition as we received them. Groups will be responsible for any and all damage to the hotel facility.

There is shuttle bus transportation provided by the conference to get back and forth from the hotel to the conference grounds. It will be available twice a day. Once in the morning until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the day and at night following the end on the conference free time. On Sunday morning we require all attendees to vacate the hotel prior to the start of the conference. There will be places to store the luggage on the conference grounds. Everyone should arrange to be picked up at the conference grounds when departing on Sunday after the closing Mass.

Valuables

There will not be a way to secure anything of value in the hotel rooms. All hotel monitors will have keys to all rooms. We ask all adults and participants NOT to bring valuables.

SIJYC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Damages

Any additional hotel charges resulting from damage, undue disruption or additional cleaning required to hotel property will be assessed to the group assigned to the hotel room(s) involved.

GROUP LEADERS AND CHAPERONES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT ALL ROOMS AND COMMON AREAS OF THE HOTEL ARE LEFT IN THE SAME CONDITION THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR GROUP.

VOLUNTEERS

Overnight accommodations and arrangements are not the responsibility of the SIJYC or the Shrine.

TRANSPORTATION

Each group is responsible for their own transportation to the Conference hotel registration site and the initial transport of participants from the hotel to Conference site at the Shrine on Friday night.

Additionally, each group is responsible for transportation home from the Shrine on Sunday.

Conference Wristbands

Wristbands are provided for security reasons to ensure that only participants are in the designated conference and hotel areas. Wristbands should be worn at all times and kept on the WRIST for the entire weekend

SAFETY AND CONDUCT IN MAIN EVENT, RECONCILIATION AND DINING AREAS

For the sake of supervision and orderliness all participants are expected to be present and on time for all conference sessions.

Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs

The conference area and hotel are smoke free zones. The use of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Violators will be dismissed from the weekend immediately, without appeal.

Medication

Medication requiring refrigeration should be checked in with the First Aid Staff in the Medical Tent upon arrival. There will be **NO** ingestible medications **of any kind** distributed at the Medical Tent by conference staff.

All ingestible medications that are required by prescription or over the counter as required by any individual will be the sole responsibility of the group leader.

Dietary restrictions

Dietary restrictions should be reported with the Conference Registrar (via registration) prior to the Conference. SIJYC provides for certain dietary restrictions and may not be able to accommodate all. For complicated restrictions please contact the conference. Participants who bring their own food in order to provide for their own dietary needs should notify us prior to the conference for instructions on availability of proper storage of the food.

SAFETY ISSUES

Any behavior that places oneself or others at risk of harm is prohibited. Harassment or threats to others are also prohibited.

REPORTING INCIDENTS

If you witness any youth or chaperone violating any policy in regard to Child Protection or the SIJYC Policies and Procedures, you are required to report it immediately to the SECURITY MINISTRY on the grounds of the Shrine or at the Hotel.

PRIESTS

If a priest is accompanying the group, it would be appreciated if he would make himself available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the scheduled times at the conference and for the con-celebration of the masses on Saturday and Sunday of the conference. At the time of registration, the priest should confirm his availability for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for the Eucharist.

Please note: Priests should provide their own vestments, etc. for the mass. If a priest is coming from a different Diocese a letter of Good Standing is required to be submitted to the RCDA for approval a month prior to the conference.

WHAT TO BRING

- _ A flashlight
- _ Insect repellent/ sun block
- _ A change of clothes (or two)
- _ Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste & toothbrush)
- _ A rain poncho or rain gear
- _ Spending money (We have a gift shop and concession stands on the Shrine grounds.)
- _ please make sure to turn off all cell phones, pagers and other Electronic devices, during sessions or after lights out.

QUESTIONS

If you have any other questions, please call 518-369-0213.

We are very excited that you will be with us on this weekend. Thank you so much for allowing us to be with you as you grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for this conference that everyone encounters the personal love of our Lord and that we are all empowered to carry that witness into our lives and this world.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

The youth conference staff asks that all people present wear modest clothing and dress in such away so as not to draw attention to your physical appearance. Conference staff will have on hand additional clothing to provide to anyone who may need to cover up more. Thank you so much for understanding. Group leaders should be sure to communicate this to their teens.

Women are approved to wear the following

- Capris or shorts (must be to the knee, nothing shorter)
- T-shirts (nothing tight-fitting or low cut, no cleavage)
- Jacket/ sweatshirt/ coat/ rain gear
- Underwear must not be seen through clothing
- One pair of mass clothing (knee length or longer skirt and nice shirt or long dress)

Women are not approved to wear the following

- Yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, Softe / Nike type shorts
- No tank tops or spaghetti straps; all shirts must have sleeves
- Clothing with alcohol, tobacco, inappropriate language / innuendos or non- Christian advertising
- Please remember the holy atmosphere you are in and that you are representing your relationship with Christ

Men are approved to wear the following

- Shorts (must be to the knee and not showing underwear)
- T-shirts
- Jacket/ sweatshirt/ coat/ rain gear
- Underwear must not be seen through clothing
- One pair of Mass clothing (nice pants and button-up or polo shirt)

Men are not approved to wear the following

- Baggy shorts where underwear shows
- No tank tops or muscle shirts or t-shirts with sleeves torn off.
- Clothing with alcohol, tobacco, inappropriate language / innuendos or non- Christian advertising
- Please remember the holy atmosphere you are in and that you are representing our relationship with Christ

Finally, please pray for our teens...

Lord Jesus Christ, King of heaven and earth,

May Your Holy Name be praised forever on our lips for all of eternity.

May You reign always in our hearts and may the perfect Will of our Heavenly Father be achieved through us until the end of time.

Forgive us Lord where we have fallen short in teaching our young people Your love and Your truth. Please accept our sacrifices and petitions this day on their behalf.

Lord Jesus, we beseech you this day, pull back the veil of unknowing from our teens. Open their ears, awaken their eyes, loosen their tongues, form their minds, renew their hearts, and refresh their spirits with Your love and Your truth by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Create in them spirits that are alive in You.

Foster in them a generation of peoples that truly glorify the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Inspire them to follow in their true vocations in life. Help them to trust in Your perfect plan and provision for them.

Pour forth Your mercy and love within them to overflowing.

May they be a shining example of Your true love and mercy toward others.

Protect them from the evils and temptations that threaten their relationship with You.

Reveal to them a knowing beyond knowing of You in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Bring about in them an enthusiasm for faith and a true appreciation of You veiled in the Eucharist.

May Your Kingship be honored and glorified for them, with them, and in them forever and ever.

Amen. †

