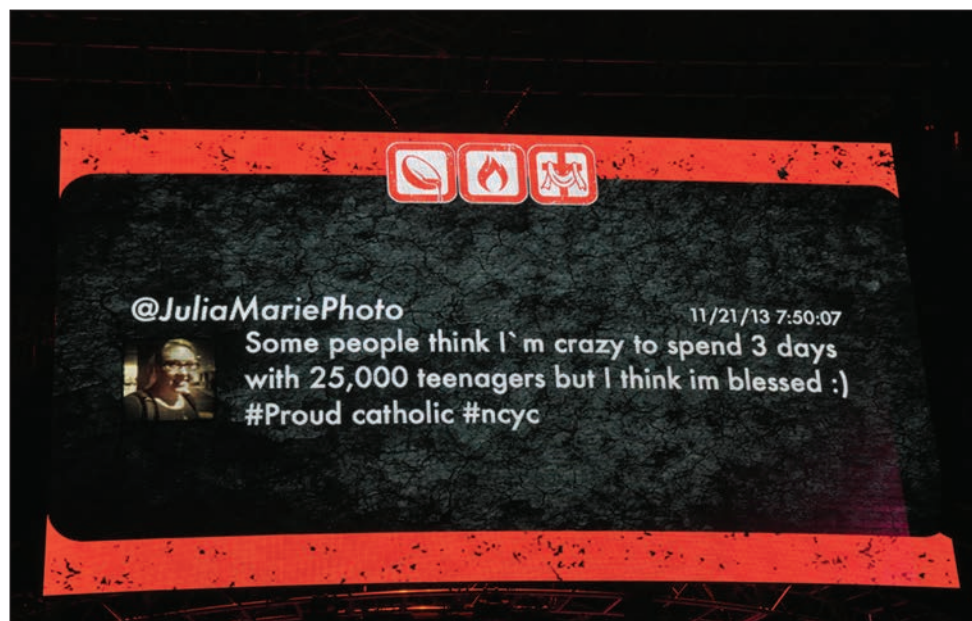




Haley Beierwaltes, left, Eva Hagman, Amanda Durava, Catherine Mazur and Shawn Durava, all of Niles, Ill., in the Chicago Archdiocese, sing and clap hands at the start of the Nov. 23 closing Mass.



Teenagers from the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn., sport cowboy hats during the National Catholic Youth Conference on Nov. 21 in the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.



One of the many Tweets sent before the opening general session at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis is displayed on a Jumbotron screen on Nov. 21.



National Catholic Youth Conference emcee Jesse Manibusan leads 23,000 youths in a song of praise during the opening general session of NCYC at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Nov. 21.



Mason Tope, 17, of the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, prays after receiving Communion on Nov. 23 during the closing Mass of the National Catholic Youth Conference at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.



'Signed. Sealed. Delivered.'

Youths embrace their faith at National Catholic Youth Conference



Above, animators lead the crowd in song during the Nov. 21 opening session of the National Catholic Youth Conference in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The conference, which drew 23,000 youths from across the country, took place on Nov. 21-23 in the stadium and the adjacent Indiana Convention Center.

Right, members of the youth group from the Diocese of Honolulu in Hawaii pose on Nov. 23 for a photo before they took the stage at Lucas Oil Stadium for a performance.

Below, Bishop Donald F. Hanchon, an auxiliary bishop of the Detroit Archdiocese, assists teenagers with a service project in Inspiration Junction on Nov. 23 in the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.



Brendan Nussear of Orlando, Fla., spins a prize wheel on Nov. 21 as Felician Sister Marie Eliana Remiszewski of Chicago looks on during the National Catholic Youth Conference at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.



Joella Bitter of San Antonio, Texas, receives Communion from Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin during the Nov. 23 closing Mass of the National Catholic Youth Conference.



Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, vicar general, shares high fives on Nov. 23 with participants in the National Catholic Youth Conference at the end of the conference's closing Mass.



Father Kenneth Taylor, center, pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis, processes into Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis with the 237 priests who concelebrated at the closing Mass of the National Catholic Youth Conference on Nov. 23.



Above, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin receives a t-shirt signed by members of JUMMP Youth Ministry in Terre Haute. Marcia Lane-McGee, left, coordinator of JUMMP, and Karen Ridgway, also of Terre Haute, pose with the archbishop and his shirt.



Left, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin carries a monstrance during a eucharistic procession from St. John the Evangelist Church to the Indiana Convention Center on Nov. 21 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.