



## Why have a Youth Congress?

- ◇ Youth leaders, chaplains, priests asked what provision there was for young people at the Eucharistic Congress?
- ◇ It will offer an age appropriate participation for young adults as has been the custom at Eucharistic Congresses in other parts of the world.
- ◇ In this year of the Synod on “Youth, Faith and Vocation Discernment,” it is a great opportunity to involve young people in the national gathering.
- ◇ It gives a unique opportunity for youth delegates to focus on Eucharistic catechesis and prayer.

- ◇ The cost for the main Congress was prohibitive for many young people, schools and parish youth groups.

## Congress Aims:

- ◇ To give young people a positive experience of being a young Catholic today.
- ◇ To help young people experience how God speaks to them through the celebration of the Eucharist.
- ◇ To help enable young people to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet.

## Planning Group:

Youth officers from Liverpool, Salford, Lancaster, Shrewsbury, Leeds, Salesians, Redemptorist Youth Ministry. School Chaplains from Archdiocese of Liverpool, students from CathSocs. Rep from ‘Hope in the Future’ - Salford Diocese. Coordinator. Fr Stephen Pritchard.

**Contributors and presenters:** These include young adults themselves, Katie Prejan-McGrady-Louisiana USA, CJM, Rise Theatre, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon & CAFOD.

**Who is the Congress aimed at?** Those 13-20 years of age.

**Tickets:** Available through Diocesan Youth Services or download booking from website. Young people are to be part of a group be that diocese, school, parish youth group, other.

**Venue:** Echo Arena Auditorium. Capacity 1000.

**Cost:** £10 per youth delegate.

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# Draft Programme

10.30am: Doors open

10.30am: Auditorium: worship music, warm up, ice-breakers.

11.30: Opening worship:

11.50 : Intro

12.10: Contributions from different groups.

12.20: Main talk: Katie Prejean

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1.00: Lunch-catering cash outlets open. Packed lunches can be brought.

2.00: Gather in Auditorium.

Presentations from Rise Theatre, Testimonies from young adults, Synod 2018-Rome.

2.45: Move to Youth Streams

3.00: Youth streams

- 13-15 year olds-Animate
- 16-17 year olds-Salesians
- 18-20 year olds-Joel's Bar

4.00: Break

4.20: Young people move into the Auditorium

4.30: Holy Hour and Confessions

5.30: Finish

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