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 the 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:

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.
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

Katie Prejean is an international speaker, educator, & author. Since 2007, Katie has been traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada sharing a unique blend of humour & storytelling, coupled with teaching theological truth, to engage audiences of all ages. Katie has spoken at events large & small, including Steubenville Youth Conferences, the National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministry, the National Catholic Youth Conference, Los Angeles Religious Education Congress & Youth Day, in dioceses & parishes from coast to coast in the USA.

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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