



## 2025 NCYC Digital Encounter with Pope Leo XIV Watch Party Schedule Options

**NCYC Program Note:** The encounter will take place on **Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:15 am ET | 7:15 am PT** during NCYC's morning general session. **Pope Leo XIV will participate in a 45-minute real-time dialogue** with young people gathered at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis and with thousands more joining from around the world via livestream.

### Optional Add-On Activities and Suggested Considerations:

- **Hospitality Table:** Water/snacks & "Take Home" card with reflection prompt.
- **Prayer Station:** Space for lighting candles, praying for unity or dialogue in the Church.
- **Prayer Card or Journaling Prompt:** "What question would you have asked Pope Leo if you were on stage? And why does that question matter to you?" Spend time reflecting on why.
- **Dialogue Wall:** Invite attendees to write or post questions they'd ask a Church leader. Teens post questions or reflections. These can directly correlate to the topics/themes brought forth during the dialogue or be other questions they have and would like to ask.
- **Family Follow-Up Sheet:** Send home a reflection card with 2-3 conversation starters.

*\*Have a plan to follow up with your young people after the encounter*

### Option 1: Live Watch Party

Friday, November 21

**Ideal For:** Youth ministries, parish groups, schools, or families who want to be part of the *real-time* experience with Pope Leo XIV and thousands gathered at NCYC.

### Test technology and click into the livestream link (30 minutes prior):

- Opening Prayer: [Prayer for Dialogue & Encounter](#)
- Provide notetaking journal paper and pens for participant use
- Reflect on - "What would YOU ask the Pope?" Use your journal to gather your initial thoughts.

Time (Eastern)	Activity
10:15 AM ET   7:15 AM PT (Allow 45 minutes)	<b>Papal Digital Encounter Begins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• View full event live from Lucas Oil Stadium</li><li>• Encourage quiet reflection and note-taking</li></ul>
11:00 AM ET   8:00 AM PT (Allow 30 minutes)	<b>Post-Event Conversation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share initial reactions (allow time for silent reflection and then small or large group sharing on the questions provided)</li><li>• Use <b>General Watch Party Discussion Questions</b> (see options)</li><li>• Close in Prayer</li></ul>

## Option 2: Post-Event Watch Party

Suggested Time	Activity
<b>Pre-Gathering</b>  (30 minutes suggested; modify based on what your schedule allows)	<b>Doors open / Welcome &amp; Light Refreshments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospitality (suggest providing, but is optional based on your setting)</li><li>• Welcome music playing</li><li>• Optional: Activities (see below; can be used pre and post gathering)</li><li>• Opening Prayer: Prayer for Dialogue &amp; Encounter</li><li>• Invite Participants to Share: "What are you hoping to hear?"</li></ul>
<b>Livestream Replay</b>  (45 minutes suggested for the full experience)	<b>Watch the Recorded Livestream of the Papal Digital Encounter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share full video or select a shorter clip (based on group time)</li><li>• Note: Thematic-based resources will be provided and made available post-NCYC - Dec 4, 2025.</li></ul>
<b>After Viewing</b>  (30 minutes suggested; modify based on what your schedule allows)	<b>Post-Viewing Conversation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share initial reactions (allow time for silent reflection and then small or large group sharing on the questions provided)</li><li>• <b>Use General Watch Party Discussion Questions</b> (see options)</li><li>• Close in Prayer</li></ul>

## General Watch Party Discussion Questions

(to be used by the Adult Leader/Facilitator)

**Note:** Can be used for both live and post-viewing groups. Facilitators can use these to lead a conversation after personal reflection.

### Small or Large Group Discussion Prompts

- What themes did you notice in the questions or answers shared during the dialogue?
- What was it like to see the Pope engage in a conversation instead of giving an address?
- What makes someone a good listener? What makes dialogue possible?
- How can we carry the spirit of this encounter into our schools, homes, or parishes
- How can our voices, and our listening, help create unity in the Church today?

# Personal Reflection Questions

*(For Individual Use or Quiet Journaling)*

**1. How did it feel to see young people in dialogue with Pope Leo XIV?**

*(What emotions or thoughts came up for you as you watched this unfold?)*

**2. What moment or message from the dialogue stood out to you most?**

*(Was there something a teen or the Pope said that stayed with you?)*

**3. What surprised, moved, or challenged you during the conversation?**

*(Did anything shift your thinking or open a new perspective?)*

**4. What does it mean to be truly heard—by God, by others, by the Church?**

**5. How would you describe the difference between dialogue and “just conversation”?**

**6. What does dialogue look like in your own life right now?**

*(Is it something you've experienced, longed for, or struggled with?)*

**7. Where might the Holy Spirit be nudging you to listen more deeply—or speak more courageously?**

**8. What question would you have asked Pope Leo if you were on stage?**

*(And why does that question matter to you?)*

# Keep the Dialogue Going: Talk About the Encounter

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**Instructions:** After watching the Papal Dialogue as a family or after your teen attends their “Watch Party”, take a few minutes together as a family to reflect upon what you heard. Use these conversation starters during dinner, on a drive, or while relaxing at home. We also invite you as a parent to watch the Livestream or recording prior to moving into the questions provided below.

## **Conversation Starters (Pick 2–3):**

1. What part of the Pope’s message stuck with you and why?  
*(You might both have different takeaways!)*
2. If you could ask Pope Leo one follow-up question, what would it be?  
*(Parents can answer too!)*
3. What does it mean to really listen to someone—not just hear them?
4. What’s one place in our family, school, or community where you think dialogue is needed?
5. What does it feel like to be truly seen and heard?  
*(How have you experienced that recently?)*
6. How can our family practice better engagement in dialogue that helps us understand each other?

## **Closing Invitation**

- End your conversation by asking, “Where do we see God at work in that?”
- Then take a moment to thank God for the voices and people in your life.