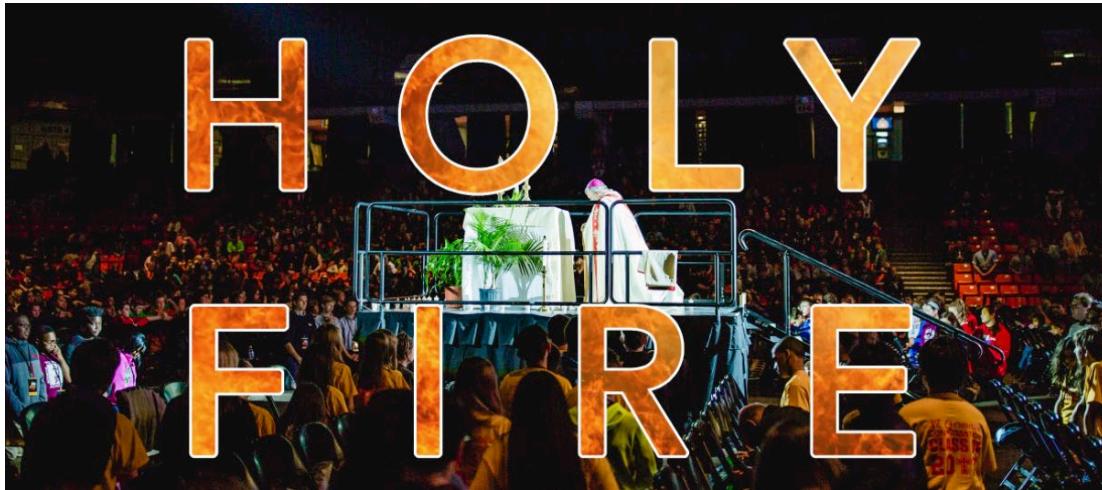


What to Expect at Holy Fire South Texas



Congratulations! You are going to attend Holy Fire, a one-day experience of dynamic speakers, music, and the sacrament of the Eucharist. At Holy Fire, young people will be called to embrace their baptism and engage with the relevant and powerful Gospel of Jesus.

But you're probably asking yourself, "Well, what am I supposed to do? How am I expect to act? What does it all mean?!"

Fear not! We've put this outline of what to expect from Holy Fire and what Holy Fire expects of you as a fully active participant.

Before Holy Fire

- First, make sure you know who your group leader and chaperons are. The adults who have come with you to Holy Fire want you to have a fun experience with the Lord *and* be safe at the same time.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit, who you received at baptism and whose gifts are sealed within you at confirmation, will be with you and that you will be open to what God has in store for you at Holy Fire.
- Know that the Holy Fire team has been praying for you, even before you signed up with your parish or school! We know the Lord has a plan for you and your life, and we can't wait for you to experience him at Holy Fire.
- Stay together with your group as you enter the event center. There is excitement around every corner, but make sure you get into the area safely.
- When you enter the area, make note of where the important places are, like the exits, restrooms, first aid, lost and found, etc.



You're In! Holy Fire Has Started!

- When the music starts, feel free to shake, shimmy—however the Spirit and the music move you! You can clap, wave your hands, pump your fists, and make a joyful noise for the Lord!
- In all of the dancing and excitement, keep your feet on the floor...for your safety and the safety of those around you.
- Take pictures and share your experience with others. This is called evangelization, sharing the good news of what God is doing in your life.
- Make sure you know where your group is seated, and if you go towards the stage during the music, walk, don't run! Your chaperon should know where you are going, too.
- Meet someone new! There are many different parish and school groups at Holy Fire, and like the apostles and saints, we need our peers to help us on our way to heaven.



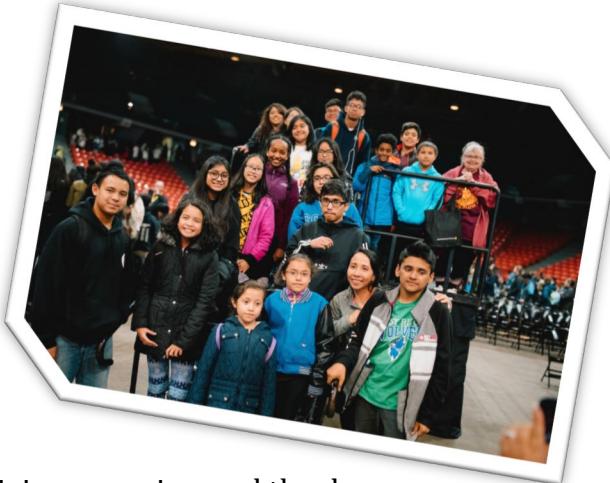
The Keynote Talks

- When the music ends, return to your seats in a quick and orderly way. You want to be in your seat, quietly, when the speakers begin.
- Give the speaker your full attention. He or she wants to share the Gospel with you, just like your teachers or priests in your parish/school. Show them respect by listening quietly and attentively.
- If you need to get up to use the restroom, don't distract your friends or the people around you. God may be speaking to them in the exact moment you have to get up, so be respectful!
- The speakers will be sharing their faith journey, how the Lord moved in their hearts, and how important their baptismal call is to their lives. They may share personal stories, a joke or two, or Scripture passages. These speakers want you to grow closer to God, who will use their words to speak to you.
- After the talk, take a moment or two to reflect on what you heard. How did God speak to you? How can you grow in your faith after hearing their message?



LUNCH!

- Listen carefully to any announcements from the hosts or from your group leader. Again, we want you to have fun but be safe!
- Visit the vendors for Catholic merchandise or a souvenir of your time at Holy Fire.
- Take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation that will be offered in the arena. The Lord will cleanse you and heal you through this great sacrament of his mercy.
- After you go to reconciliation, thank God for forgiving your sins, and thank the priest for giving up his time and being a part of Holy Fire. Without priests, we would not have the sacraments!
- Go to the restroom, you won't want to miss any of Holy Fire after the lunch break!



Young Disciples Challenge: Forged in Prayer

- As Holy Fire continues and moves deeper, we ask that you be reverent and respectful. We know you can do it! The Lord is at work in our hearts, so now more than ever is the time to be open and to pay attention.
- Be respectful of your friends and those around you as they pray and worship our Lord. At Holy Fire, we want to have an environment that is free from unnecessary distractions so we can focus on Jesus Christ.
- We will be having time for a Eucharistic procession and Eucharistic adoration. As the band leads us in praise and worship music, remember that as we sing, we are praying! Lift your voice and sing his praise.

- As the Blessed Sacrament—Jesus truly and really present in the Eucharist—processes around the arena, pray for those intentions close to your heart: your friends, your family, you, and so on. Spend this time with Jesus who is madly in love with you!

○ After the eucharistic procession ends, we will have time to gaze upon and to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

○ If you did not have the chance to go to Reconciliation at lunch, and it is offered during this time of Adoration, the Lord may tug at your heart to receive his mercy in this sacrament. Run to the

loving, forgiving, and good God the Father!



- After this time of Eucharistic adoration, you will have a chance to renew your baptismal promises. If you were baptized as an infant, your parents made these promises for you. But now is the time for you to make them for yourselves!
- At Mass, participate fully and actively, just like you would at your parish or school! The Lord is still speaking to you, and the celebration of the Eucharist is one of the great prayers of our church.



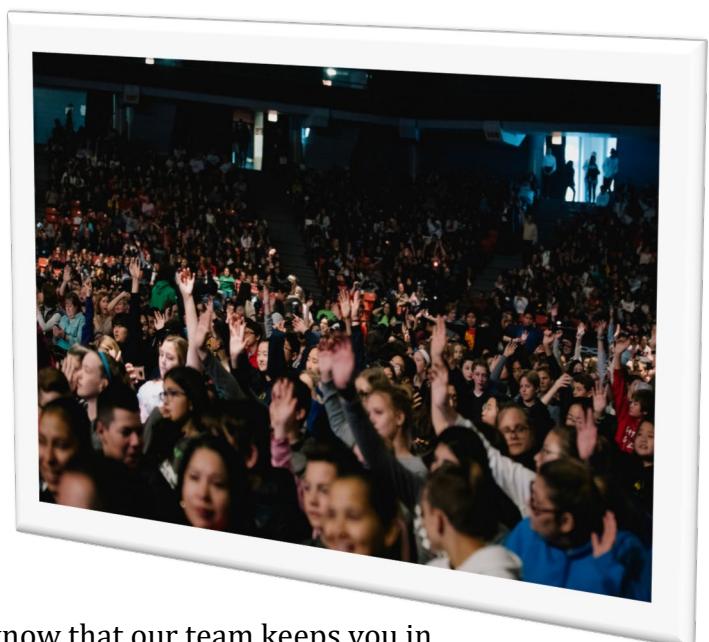
Holy Fire Has Ended...Or Has It?

As Mass concludes and the event ends, follow the instructions of the hosts and your group leader. They may have specific instructions for how to leave the arena safely to return to your cars or buses.

The event has ended, but your walk with Jesus is not over! Take the graces received and insights learned home with you. Take the love of God and the guidance of his church home with you. Take the Holy Spirit home with you!

Share the greatness of Holy Fire with everyone—at home, at school, on social media, wherever! Tell your parent/guardian all about your day and the way the Holy Spirit has moved within you. Trust us, your parents want to hear all of the great news you have to share with them!

And as the days and weeks pass from Holy Fire, know that our team keeps you in prayer that the fire that burns within you is not extinguished, but burns brightly for all to see. The light of Christ in you is meant to be shared and to shine in the darkness. You are made for sainthood!



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