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World Youth Day Special Edition!

In this special edition of the Beef get ready for all things World Youth Day!

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Who, What, When and Where

Purpose of WYD

The purpose of WYD is for young people to meet Jesus Christ and to experience a powerful, personal relationship with God.

It is a personal encounter and a peak experience. It is not a training program, it is an opportunity for young people to take a personal journey with God.

When and where is WYD?

World Youth Day is celebrated every year on Palm Sunday. International Gatherings take place every two to three years. The next International Gathering takes place from the 16th-21st August 2011 in Madrid, Spain.

Who is WYD for?

Pope John Paul II, when he began the celebration of WYD, invited the youth of the world to meet. The International WYD office classifies 'youth' as 16-35 years of age.



Prayer During World Youth Day

One of the great things about World Youth Day is the opportunity to appreciate the different spiritualities of other nations. One of the easiest ways of recognising this is in the prayers shared by different countries. . The prayer below is the Spanish WYD Preparation Prayer. The prayer on the right is the Australian World Youth Day Prayer. As you pray them, take some time to reflect on the different spirituality expressed and what it means for your faith.



WYD Preparation Prayer

Friend and Lord Jesus Christ, How great You are! With Your words and Works You have revealed to us Who God is, Your Father and our Father, and Who You are: our Savior. You call us to be with You.

We wish to follow You wherever You go. We thank You for Your Incarnation. You are the Eternal Son of God, but You humbled Yourself and became man. We thank You for Your Death and Resurrection. You obeyed the Father's will to the extreme and for this reason You are the Lord of all persons and things. We thank You for having remained amongst us in the Eucharist. Your Presence, Your Sacrifice, Your Banquet Invite us to remain always united to You. You Call us to work with You. We wish to go wherever You send us:
to announce Your name, to heal in Your Name, to bring all of our brothers to You.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit, to enlighten and strengthen us. The Virgin Mary, the Mother You gave us on the cross, always encourages us to do what You say. You are our Life. May our thoughts, our love and our actions always be planted in You! You are our Rock. May our faith in You always be the solid foundation of our life!

We pray for Pope Benedict XVI, for the Bishops and for all those who are preparing the next World Youth Day in Madrid. We pray for our family and friends and especially for all the young people who will get to know you in this encounter, thanks to the firm and joyful testimony of the faith.

Australian WYD Prayer

Friend and Lord Jesus Christ

How great you are! With your words and works you have revealed to us who God is: your Father and our Father; and who you are: our Saviour and Lord. You call us to be with you. We wish to follow you wherever you go. We thank you for the gift of your life.

You are the eternal Son of God, but you humbled yourself and became man. We thank you for your death and resurrection. You obeyed the Father's will to the extreme and for this reason you are the Lord of all persons and things.

We thank you for having remained amongst us in the Eucharist. Your presence, your sacrifice, your banquet. Invite us to remain always united to you.

You call us to work with you. We wish to go wherever you send us: to announce your name, to heal in your name, to bring all of our brothers and sisters to you. Grant us your Holy Spirit, to enlighten and strengthen us.

The Virgin Mary, the mother you gave us on the cross, always encourages us to do what you say.

You are our life: May our thoughts, our love and our actions always be planted in you! **You are our rock:** May our faith in you always be the solid foundation of our life!

We pray for Pope Benedict, for all Bishops and for all those who are preparing for the next World Youth Day in Madrid. We pray for our family and friends and especially for all the young people who will get to know you in this encounter, thanks to the firm and joyful testimony of the faith.

We ask this in the grace and peace of your name, in the love of God our Father, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

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Alive and Well



The Nuts and Bolts of WYD

So... What actually happens during WYD?

Days in the Diocese is a time where a local Diocese hosts an international pilgrim group and introduces them to various aspects of the local culture. Simple, home-stay accommodation is provided at this time.

WYD Week is a week of catechesis, youth festival events, the Papal Arrival, Stations of the Cross, Opening Mass, etc. These events will be located in different areas across Madrid. The Papal Arrival and Opening Mass will be held at 'Plaza Mayor' – a huge intersection in Madrid.

Vigil and Final Mass is the culmination of WYD. All pilgrims will walk (between 3 and 10km) to the Vigil Site ('The Four Winds' – a private airport 8kms from the city centre) where the Pope will celebrate a Vigil Mass, and there will be testimonies, music and other events. All pilgrims will sleep out under the stars at the venue. In the morning the Pope will celebrate a final 'sending out' mass. The host city of the next WYD will also be announced.

Accommodation for all Queensland Alliance Pilgrimage Groups will be university accommodation. Pilgrims will sleep in twin rooms (most with en-suites).

Meals will include a simple breakfast at our accommodation. The WYD Registration Food package includes a hot lunch (eaten near the place of catechesis) and a cold, packed dinner to be collected at lunch time. Final food arrangements will be made prior to pilgrimage registrations opening.

Schedule for WYD

12th-14th August 2011

Days in the Dioceses Program

15th August 2011

Mass of Sending to WYD

16th August 2011

WYD Opening Mass and Youth Festival

17th August 2011

Catechesis and Youth Festival

18th August 2011

Catechesis, Papal Arrival and Youth Festival

19th August 2011

Catechesis, Youth Festival and Via Crucis.

20th August 2011

Pilgrimage walk to Cuatro Vientos, Vigil Mass and Sleepout.

21st August 2011

WYD Mass of Sending

Patron Saints of WYD'11

The Holy See recently confirmed the following Saints as the Patron Saints of WYD 2011.

St Francis Xavier
St Rafael Arnaiz
St Ignatius of Loyola
St Rose of Lima
St Teresa of Jesus
St John of Avila
St John of the Cross
St Maria de la Cabeza
St Isidore the Farmer

These saints reflect the history of the Catholic Church in Spain. St Isidore and St Maria were the first saints of Madrid while St Teresa and St Ignatius were the founders of the discalced Carmelites and the Companions of Jesus. St Francis was a great missionary of

the East and The height of mystic literature was reached by St. John of the Cross. The initiator of diocesan priestly spirituality was St. John of Ávila, and the first saint from Hispanic America was St. Rose of Lima, and a youth of our days, Saint Rafael Arnáiz, was recently canonized..

These saints can teach us all something new about our faith. Why not start researching them and reflecting on their lives as you prepare for WYD?

WYD 2011 Expression of Interest Form

Name: _____

Parish/School/Community: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please tick which option you are interested in:

Direct Option (Includes WYD Week and a day trip to Toledo) *Not open to anyone under 18.*
Approx \$5000.00 Approx 13 days

Days in the Diocese (Includes Days in the Diocese and WYD Week). *Not open to anyone under 18.*
Approx \$5000.00 Approx 16 days

Pre-WYD Pilgrimage (Includes an extended pilgrimage and WYD week) *Not open to anyone under 18.*
Approx \$7000.00 Approx 21 days

Local Option (Pilgrimage around the Diocese of Rockhampton). *Pilgrims can join the entire pilgrimage or join the group when it arrives in their local area.*
Price to be advised Approx 7 days

Please return forms to **DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRIES' OFFICE PO BOX 641 ROCKHAMPTON QLD 4701.**

This form can be completed online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HCYX65P>.