

# WYD 2011

"I recall with deep gratitude to the Lord the meeting held in Sydney in July last year. It was a most memorable encounter, during which the Holy Spirit renewed the lives of countless young people who had come together from all over the world. The joy of celebration and spiritual enthusiasm experienced during those few days was an eloquent sign of the presence of the Spirit of Christ. Now we are journeying towards the international gathering due to take place in Madrid in 2011, which will have as its theme the words of the Apostle Paul: "Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith" (cf. *Col* 2:7). As we look forward to that global youth meeting, let us undertake a path of preparation together. We take as our text for the year 2009 a saying of Saint Paul: "We have set our hope on the living God" (*1 Tim* 4:10), while in 2010 we will reflect on the question put to Jesus by the rich young man: "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (*Mk* 10:17) Pope Benedict XVI



Total WYD cost including participation in Days in the Diocese is between \$2,175 - 2475/per person. Included in this cost are round trip airport transfers, 9 nights stay at HI TECH Hotels (each room has air conditioning, a laptop, free internet access and is centrally located to WYD venues), buffet breakfast daily, all hotel taxes, half day tour of Madrid and half day tour of Toledo or Avila, services of Dube Travel Escort, special luggage tags and passport kit. Prices are based upon double occupancy for adults with slighter lower rates for quads for the youth. The variable in the price is due to unknown airfare charges and the unknown exchange rate with the dollar and euro.

How to participate in WYD Madrid 2011. This summer we are seeking people who want to experience WYD Madrid. We need to reserve spaces with the Dube Travel . Please speak to your parish youth minister to see if anyone else from your parish has expressed interest. If no one from your parish is attending you may register with Donna Rivard, Hot Springs CYM, 100 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71901; [hotspringscym@gmail.com](mailto:hotspringscym@gmail.com) or call 501-623-3233, 207-229-6088.

This fall we will be collecting registration forms and deposits. All youth in high school or young adults are welcome to join us. Chaperones are needed with a 7 youth per one adult minimal requirement. Younger youth may only participate if a parent or relative 25 years old or older (and is Virtus trained) attends the event. Children younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade may not participate.

A payment plan will begin in January 2010 with quarterly payments due. Please keep in mind you will need a passport, once you are registered a passport kit will be given.

Summer 2010 all pilgrims will meet for a day retreat (July 24<sup>th</sup> 2010). The goal of this meeting is to meet fellow pilgrims and delegate assignments such as morning/evening prayer, music for liturgies, etc.

We will be traveling with youth and adults from the Diocese of Portland, Maine. They will have a priest for daily mass and to help with other faith needs.

Days in the Diocese is a optional component of the WYD experience. This four day program in the local dioceses preceding WYD is an opportunity to experience the hospitality and universality of the Church. Your group will be hosted by a parish and cared for by it's people. In exchange, you have the chance to share your faith and culture with them. In so many ways, this program embodies the pilgrim spirit; detachment, charity, generosity, simplicity, community. Some of the diocese participating to date are: Caceres, Santiago, Valencia, and Toledo. We believe it's worth the time to participate. You will be assigned a parish to live with. Host families provide meals and transportation. Activities include a day service project, a day of prayer and a day of sightseeing.