



“Go and Make Disciples of All Nations” Matthew 28:19

World Youth Day, Rio de Janeiro 23-28 July 2013

What is World Youth Day (WYD) / Jornada Mundial da Juventude (JMJ)?

World Youth Day was sanctioned by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1985. It is an event celebrated locally every year and internationally every two or three years. This event is a celebration of the Catholic faith, but is open to all youth of the world. For WYD 2011, it is estimated that 2 million pilgrims gathered in Madrid, Spain.

Who can attend World Youth Day?

The bottom line is ANYONE may attend! However, World Youth Day is primarily intended for youth ages 16-35. The Our Lady of Perpetual Help group will primarily focus on preparing high school and college aged youth who will be between the ages of 16-25 years at the time of departure in July of 2013. Those interested that are younger, but will be 14-15 at the time of departure, are also welcome if the parent feels the youth will benefit from the pilgrimage experience and a parent or guardian will also journey with us. Our goal is to be able to take more youth to Rio than went to Madrid.

How are we to prepare for World Youth Day?

We will be on a Pilgrimage, not a Vacation. Our purpose is to help our youth **Know and Live their Faith**. Our World Youth Day preparation will follow the tenets of ACTS, encouraging Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.

Adoration: Part of our commitment for this World Youth Day is to give at least 10% of our preparation time back to God.

Community: We intend to be visible as World Youth Day "Pilgrims in Progress" within our parish and our broader, local community. We will also build our own community bonds within the World Youth Day preparation group.

Theology: To 'make disciples of all nations', we need to feel confident in our faith. In our preparation, we will learn what it means to be a Disciple of Christ from Pope Benedict XVI's book The Apostles. We will also study and discuss the Vatican produced YouCat to better understand the principles of our faith and how to live as a Catholic in today's world.

Service: As a World Youth Day group, we intend to be active in our community with volunteer service at OLPH, the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and the Selma and local community.

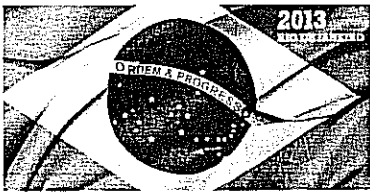
How much time will I be spending with World Youth Day preparations?

We have drafted a 2-year plan to meet approximately every other Saturday morning for about 2 hours from now until the WYD Pilgrimage. There will be an extended break in the summer of 2012 and we are scheduling meetings to avoid key holidays and major parish activities. Additionally, there will be several Adoration, Service, and Fundraising activities.

How will we pay for World Youth Day?

This year, we are starting our preparations early. **Do not let cost discourage you**. We intend to work hard for these two years in an effort to pay little, if anything, out of pocket for the pilgrimage. We trust that God will provide the means for those whom he calls to the pilgrimage for World Youth Day 2013. We will do fundraising events outside of the parish as well as a few within the parish. We cannot commit that fundraising will be enough to completely pay everyone's way. However, we do expect for some of the proceeds to be set aside for scholarships, while most will be distributed based on participation in the preparation process. Additionally, we will be looking at other means, such as assisting our pilgrims in securing summer or seasonal jobs so our youth can set aside their own money for the trip.

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I am a Pilgrim in Progress

Name: _____

Birthday ____ / ____ / ____

My email: _____

My Cell: (____) ____ - ____

My address: _____

Home #: (____) ____ - ____

City

State

Zip

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(Adult sizes) Circle one

My Parent(s) / Interested Adult

Name(s): _____

Parent Cell: (____) ____ - ____

Parent email: _____

If you are interested in being involved as an adult leader/chaperone, please fill out:

Parent address: _____

Y / N I will help with preparation.

(If different)

Y / N I want to be a pilgrim too.

City

State

Zip

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