Archdiocese of Louisville World Youth Day Pilgrimage January 13-29, 2019



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1. Action Plan & Information Packet

* ASAP: Apply for passport if you do not have one presently *

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (SAFE DAYS TO ASK OFF OF WORK!)

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All deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE, NO EXCEPTIONS

Questions:

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Office of Youth & Young Adults Attn: WYD 2019 1200 S. Shelby St. Louisville, KY 40203 Page intentionally left blank

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2. Initial Registration Form

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Name:		
Birth Date://	Circle One: Male / Female	
Address:		
City:	State:	_ Zip:
Email:		
Cell Phone:	Home Parish:	

I understand that by signing here, I am committing to the above dates, and I understand that **all payments are non-refundable**. In signing, I recognize that the organizing party (Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Youth & Young Adults) reserves the right to exclude me from the pilgrimage if I do not abide by the expectations of the Archdiocese of Louisville, or if I fail to complete financial and participatory requirements.

Signature: _____

Date: ____/___/____/





3. Emergency Information Form

1. Participant Information Name (as it appears on passport): Gender: Birth Date: ____/____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: Allergies: Medications being taken: _____ Any special dietary needs: Physical impairments: _____ _____ Date of last tetanus shot: _____ Other: _____ Name of insurance carrier: ______ Phone number: ______ Policy number: ______ 2. Emergency Contact Information Name: ______ Relationship: ______ Address: City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Day phone: ______ Evening Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____ 3. Travel Information Passport Number: ______ Place of Birth: ______ Date of Issue: ______/____ Date of expiration:

4. SAMPLE WYD Financial & Prayer Appeal

Today's Date

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Dear Friends & Family,

I have been given an incredible opportunity to grow in my Catholic faith and identity as a young person! I am going to World Youth Day in Panama! God is surely merciful and compassionate, and He's blessed me and all of us in seeking your support to prepare and embark on an incredible journey of mercy.

[INSERT PARAGRAPH OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY]

You see, this community at home—*all of you as the Body of Christ*—can make this possible, for Christ calls us all to servant leadership, to humble ourselves in patience and limitless compassion. Through Pope Francis' call for young people to say, like Mary, a whole-hearted "Yes!" to the Lord—I feel he is leading *us* in that same divine direction; the theme for World Youth Day 2019 is *"Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word"* (Luke 1:38).

I hope and pray daily that I have remained in line with that call to say yes to God, for I understand that I am stepping into the role as a true representative of my parish families back home who themselves have said yes to God. *In fact, I am one of 12 other young people in the Archdiocese of Louisville who have committed to attending World Youth Day encounter in Panama in January, 2019!*

We will be meeting with young people like us from all over the world who have that same yearning for the truth! The hope is that World Youth Day will inspire our generation to rediscover the profound demands of our baptismal promises and *live out* the mission that comes with our vocation. In so doing, we hope to *share* that gospel message with others through *merciful love*, but we know it takes months of preparation leading up to this life-changing pilgrimage...

By the time of this trip, the delegation from our Archdiocese will have prayed together, worked together as a group, and shared the responsibility of this endeavor. We haven't stopped praying about this, and will continue to do so through the day we leave for Panama in January!

In order to cover the costs of airfare, housing for us in the dioceses of Panama and Central America, and WYD registration, *each of us is attempting to raise \$2500*. At this point *we are far from our goal*, for many of us are asking the same people for support! Because of this enormous challenge and with our trip now only a little more than <u>three</u> <u>months away</u>, we are keeping our trust solely in Jesus Christ to bring us the support and strength we need to successfully meet our goal. It really has always been in God's hands: He simply calls us to work hard and be His instruments in this prayerful process!

Right now, here are some ways that you could help our group progress: First, we ask for your prayers during these months of preparation. WYD is about conversion, and conversion requires prayer. Second, I ask you to consider donating toward our trip. This would directly enable us and the whole group to cover the necessary expenses involved with this experience. Please make checks out to "Archdiocese of Louisville," with "WYD" on the memo line. If you would like it designated to a particular attendee, include his/her name after WYD. The address to send your financial support is: Office of Youth & Young Adults, Attn: WYD, 1200 S. Shelby St., Louisville, KY 40203.

There is a desire in my generation to uncover the truth; we are searching for Someone who can neither deceive nor be deceived, and who therefore can offer a certainty so solid that we can *live* for it! We humbly ask you to be a part of this search through your prayers and support for us and all young people traveling to World Youth Day this year.

In Christ and in gratitude for your support, YOUR SIGNATURE Archdiocese of Louisville World Youth Day Pilgrimage January 13-29, 2019



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5. MAIN TASKS, REQUIREMENTS, & EXPECTATIONS

- Housing for WYD festival and "Days in the Diocese" will be with host families, local parishes or schools, or hostels at various locations (TBD)
- All deposits must be paid by pilgrims in FULL at specified deposit dates
- This is advertised as non-refundable; however, if the trip falls through before July 1 (when we hope to purchase plane tickets) then we will be free to reimburse all pilgrims to that point
- The Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Youth & Young Adults will pay the check for the plane tickets, WYD registration and other service fees (AFTER specified deposits as determined by the organizers of the pilgrimage) <u>Write checks to "Archdiocese of Louisville" with "WYD" in memo</u>
- Parish collections / appeals to be made in July-September @ various locations
- Additional group fundraising and personal support-raising, etc.
- Funds paid to the Archdiocese do not include money for food or personal spending
- We are hoping to have a delegation of 15-20 young people from throughout the Archdiocese!

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