

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation presents...



# **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011**

**MADRID, SPAIN**

**“Rooted and Built Up in Jesus Christ,  
Firm in the Faith”**

## **Madrid Spain - August 10-21, 2011**

World Youth Day is an unbelievable weeklong spiritual journey where pilgrims from all over the world unite to share their faith. The week includes prayer, song, concerts, drama, sharing, liturgy, catechesis, and an unforgettable vigil and closing mass with the Holy Father. In 1986, the Pope John Paul II invited young people from all over the world to participate in a pilgrimage at the very first World Youth Day. Since then it has been held in Argentina ('87), Spain ('89), Poland ('91), U.S. ('93), Philippines ('95), France ('97), Italy ('00), Canada ('02), Germany ('05) and Australia ('08).

**PILGRIMS:** The Diocese of Portland is inviting **youth and young adults ages 16-39** to be a part of our diocesan pilgrimage. While WYD is designed with young adults in mind, high school youth who are at least 16 years of age at the time of the pilgrimage are welcomed to join us (16-17 year olds must be accompanied by adults in 4 to 1 ratios for proper supervision while overseas).

**PILGRIMAGE:** A pilgrimage is truly a spiritual journey, not a vacation; it is an opportunity to share your faith and to connect more deeply with Jesus Christ. God has a plan for all those will join together on this extraordinary opportunity.

**PREPARATION:** We encourage parish groups and individuals to establish a prayerful preparation for the pilgrimage. There will be gatherings of the diocesan group throughout our final year of preparation, including a retreat opportunity. The dates and details of these gatherings will be made available early in 2010.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Parishes and individuals interested in joining the diocesan pilgrimage are asked to complete the Pre-registration form and return the form with an initial deposit of \$50/person, in order to hold space. Pre-registration is encouraged prior to **August 15, 2009** in order to arrange for the appropriate amount of housing. We will do our best to accommodate pilgrims after this date but are not able to guarantee availability.

**ITINERARY:**

August 10: Departure

August 11: Flight from Paris to Portugal, then a short drive to Fatima (D)

August 12: Fatima (B & D)

August 13: Drive to Santiago de Compostela (B & D)

August 14: Half day tour of city including tomb of Saint James (B & D)

August 15: Depart for Madrid with a stop in Avila. Arrive in Madrid for Opening Mass of WYD '11

August 16-21: Participate in WYD activities (Buffet breakfast daily at hotel)

August 22: Back to America

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**Package Includes**

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**Accommodations**

Ten nights in 3 & 4 star hotels.

**Food**

Breakfast daily, four dinners and all meal taxes and gratuities.

Breakfast buffet in Madrid and WYD meal package

**Transportation**

All air travel and transfers are included

**Package Costs**

Land arrangements: \$1377

Air Travel: \$1100-\$1200 ESTIMATE finalized 1 year before travel

WYD Registration Fee: \$200-\$300 ESTIMATE available this fall

TOTAL COST: \$ 2677-\$2877 ESTIMATE

**Diocesan Payment Schedule**

Initial Fee - \$50 (due by 8/15/09)

9/15/09 - \$150 payment

12/15/09 - \$500 payment

8/1/10 - \$500 payment

12/15/10 - \$500 payment

5/1/11 - Balance Due

