

## What do I have to do to go?

The first thing that you have to do is to tell your local priest about your interest in going. You should then complete the form below and send it to:

**Fr. Jim Doyle, Market Square, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.**

Pilgrims will be dealt with on a first come basis and there are a limited number of places available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Priest's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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For further information on WYD go to  
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## "I WILL SING ON THE BUSES TO BE ABLE TO GO TO WYD"

A Colombian youth is already moving to obtain the necessary money to be able to go to 2011 WYD.

Mauricio Alejandro, is in his fourth year of Secondary School and lives in Bogota, Columbia. Given his age, he had not yet been able to attend a WYD, so he hopes Madrid will be the first. Because of this, he is doing everything possible to cover the high costs of the trip. So, he has already started his fundraising. "I did very well", he recounts.

The young student believes that God "is helping me in all this" because, "it is prohibited to sell in my school, but the Lord has given me the grace of my professors support and help me to do this activity." As if this were too little, Mauricio Alejandro has many other plans in mind to put into practice over the two years before the holding of WYD in Madrid. Among them is to sing on buses, to sell objects when people come out of Masses in his parish and to organise a bazaar. Despite the difficulty in doing all this work, the future pilgrim is aware that "it is a great sacrifice, but I hope to continue working and don't give up."



# WYD 2011 MADRID

WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 2011

The Diocese of Ferns  
invites you to join  
them on pilgrimage  
to World Youth Day in  
Madrid, Spain in 2011



## What is World Youth Day (WYD)?

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young Catholics from all over the world who gather with the Pope to celebrate their faith during a week long festival.



## Who started it?

The huge response to an invitation by Pope John Paul II to the young people of Italy to come and meet him in 1985 led him to recognise the potential of such gatherings and to formally establish regular 'appointments' with young people.

World Youth Day is a living relic to Pope John Paul II with its vision of young people participating at the very heart of the Church.

## When and Where does it take place?

WYD is celebrated on a diocesan level every year, but every three years it is celebrated internationally with a huge week long festival. In the past it has been celebrated in Buenos Aires, with the attendance of 1 million young people; in Santiago de Compostela, with more than 500,000; in Czestochowa, with 1.6 million; in Denver, with 600,000; in Manila, with approximately 4 million; in Paris, with 1.2 million; in Rome, with 2 million; in Toronto, with 800,000; in Cologne, with 1.1 million; and in Sydney, with 400,000.

**The next World Youth Day will be in Madrid from the 16th - 21st August 2011!!!**

## Why World Youth Day?

"I have very lovely memories of World Youth Day in Cologne: it was much more than a massive gathering of people; above all, it was a celebration of faith, a human encounter of communion in Christ. We saw how faith breaks down barriers and truly has the ability to unite different cultures and create joy. I hope this will be repeated now in Australia. That is why I am happy to see many young people united in the desire for God and for a truly human world."

(Interview with Benedict XVI with journalists during the flight to Australia, July 12, 2008).



## How does this concern me?

The Diocese of Ferns is hoping to send a pilgrimage of young people to Madrid to celebrate our faith with Pope Benedict XVI. This is a once in a lifetime experience for anyone fortunate to go, and an event that you will never forget. The pilgrimage will take place from the 12th to the 22nd August 2011 (exact dates to be confirmed).



## What age do I have to be?

To be eligible to go with the diocese, you need to be aged between 18 and 35. No exceptions, however, will be made for people not aged 18 by August 2011. Families can, however, make private arrangements to attend the festival.

## How much will it cost?

Costs will be kept to a minimum and parishes may partly sponsor individuals. However, pilgrims will be expected to pay a certain amount (up to €400) and also to engage in some fundraising activities, both as a group and as individuals.

## Where will we be staying?

Most likely we will be staying in camp sites or hostels for the first few days on the journey to Madrid. Then we will be staying in a parish school or hall, and then we will be sleeping out under the stars with a million other people for the all night vigil with the Pope, so bring a sleeping bag!



## What happens each day?

- 12th-15th Aug: Arrival in Spain/France by plane to begin our pilgrimage to Madrid. We will experience the Christian history and hospitality of the Spanish, visiting sites, meeting people, relaxing and sharing our faith.
- 16th August: Arrival in Madrid, registration, opening Mass and beginning of Youth Festival.
- 17th-19th Aug: Catechesis sessions in the morning; Youth Festival in the evening.
- 18th August: Papal welcome.
- 19th August: Via Crucis procession.
- 20th August: Walk to the main event: the vigil with Pope Benedict and the all night outdoor sleepover.
- 21st August: WYD Mass of sending with Pope Benedict.
- 22nd August: Return home.

## Who will we be travelling with?

We will be travelling as a diocesan group, and although there will be plenty of time for sightseeing and relaxing, pilgrims will be expected to fully participate as a group in organised activities.

