



**World Youth Day**  
**August 2011 - Madrid, Spain**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**  
**Updated May 2010**

**What is World Youth Day (WYD)?**

WYD is a youth-oriented Catholic Church event. While the event itself celebrates the Catholic faith, the invitation to attend extends to all youth, regardless of religious convictions. *World Youth Day* is not associated with International Youth Day or any of the international observance days.

WYD was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1986. It is celebrated on a diocesan level annually and at a week-long international level every three years at different locations. The international level events attract hundreds of thousands of youth from almost every country on the planet. It is a major part of the upsurge in Catholic Youth Work in some countries over recent years; for example, the Director of Catholic Youth Services for England and Wales has said of the event that it would have far-reaching effects, not restricted to those who attended.

See the link – a letter from Pope John Paul II to Cardinal Eduardo Francisco Pironio.  
[http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/letters/1996/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_let\\_19960508\\_czestochowa-gmg\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/letters/1996/documents/hf_jp-ii_let_19960508_czestochowa-gmg_en.html)

**What is the official WYD theme?**

***“Rooted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith” (cf Col 2:7)***

**What is the Diocese of Tulsa mission statement?**

***“Our mission is to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, strengthen our Catholic faith and experience the Universal Church by walking with our brothers and sisters from around the world to return with a deepened desire to spread His love to others.”***

**What is a pilgrimage?**

Pilgrimages may be defined as journeys made to some place with the purpose of venerating it, or in order to ask there for supernatural aid, or to discharge some religious obligation. (Catholic Encyclopedia)

This Pilgrimage will have periods of fun and seriousness mixed together. You will be expected to maintain a mature and prayerful life. Prayer will be a critical component of the pilgrimage and will be necessary for us to get the most out of it.

**PASSPORTS**

***This is most important task you need to complete by August 31<sup>st</sup>. All participants must have a valid Passport prior to us scheduling our flights in September. If your Passport expires before January 31, 2012, then you need to have it updated for it to be valid in Spain.***

**Days in the Diocese (DID)**

DID is the first 5 days of the Spain pilgrimage. Various Spain Dioceses and their families open up their individual homes for 5 days, allowing us to gain an understanding of their culture and how they live their lives on a day to day basis. You will need to completely trust these individuals, for they will care for all your needs during the 5 days. Please think of a gift you can take to give your host family, showing your appreciation. Do not take anything that is perishable.



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**WYD Logo?**

Logo designer, Jose Gil-Nogues, explains the image symbolizes “youth of the whole world united to celebrate their faith together with the Pope, at the foot of the cross, and they form the crown of our Lady of Almudena, patron of Madrid” The crown forms “M” of Mary and Madrid. Cross symbolizes Jesus and Christianity.

**T-shirt design:**

All of you artists out there, we need some options and designs to represent the Diocese of Tulsa and our mission. So put on your thinking caps, put pen and pencil to paper and show us your talent. You do not need to be going to submit a design to us. We need the designs back by May 31<sup>st</sup> to allow us to vote on them during our June formation meeting.

**Dates and location of the 2011 WYD.**

The dates in Spain – August 9 – 21, 2011:

- **August 9:** Tulsa to Days In Diocese (DID)
- August 10 – 15: DID location
- August 15: DID location to Madrid
- August 16 – 21: Madrid – WYD activities with World youth and Pope Benedict XVI
- **August 22:** Return to Tulsa

**Who is eligible to attend?**

- 18 years of age as of August 8, 2011, 16 and 17, if accompanied by Parent, Grandparent, sibling of 25 years of age or older or Legal Guardian
- Prayerful Life
- Ability to be independent and survive on your own
- Good physical condition – significant walking will be required
- Able to cover 100% of cost to attend
- Two weeks of time away from the States, possibly miss start of school year

**Will there be formation provided as prior to the pilgrimage?**

Formation will be an integral to our pilgrimage. It is highly recommended each of you attend and you can bring a friend. All youth are invited.

The formations will be held on Saturdays and will consist of:

- Noon: Lunch
- 1:00 pm: Retreat and formation
- 3:30 pm: Adoration with our Lord
- 4:30 pm: Reconciliation
- 5:00 pm: Mass

**Topics during Formation?**

- Four Pillars of the Catholic Church
  - Apostle's Creed
  - Seven Sacraments
  - Ten Commandments
  - The Lord's Prayer
- Spain's Culture



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**Formation Dates / Locations?**

Saturday - June 19	St. Clement of Rome, Bixby, OK
Saturday - September 18	To be determined
Saturday - January 22	To be determined
Saturday - April 16, Palm Sunday	To be determined
Saturday - June 18	To be determined
Mass with Bishop - July ?	Cathedral

**What is the anticipated cost of the pilgrimage and what does it cover?**

We are anticipating \$2,000 plus money for your stay in Spain, which should be around \$300 to \$500. The Spain costs will be for any additional food, souvenirs and other unforeseen costs. The \$2,000 will cover the airfare, ground transportation, WYD functions which will include meals and some administrative type of costs, i.e. copies and long distance phone calls.

***The participant will be responsible for all other costs while in route to the pilgrimage and any food or souvenirs one would like to purchase while in Spain.***

**Payment schedule?**

Payments of \$400 are expected to your parish coordinator or John Sommer if you do not have a parish coordinator by the following dates:

- June 1 \$400
- September 1 \$400
- January 1, 2011 \$400
- April 1 \$400
- June 1 Remainder amount

Moneys sent to your parish coordinator needs to be made out to your parish and the parish will submit a single check for all participants. Monies sent to John Sommer need to be checks written out to the Diocese of Tulsa, with WYD 2011 written on the memo line.

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**Full payment?**

You can make one payment of \$2,000, but the payment will need to be made on June 1, 2010, unless other arrangements are made prior to this time. You will either receive a refund should our costs be less than \$2,000 or will be responsible for the amount in excess of \$2,000.

**Trading items?**

Holy Cards associated with our parishes and discussions of the patron saint of the parish you are representing, hats, pins, key chains, clothes pins with a scripture and parish/location written on the pin, writing pens, bandanas, and other ideas.

**Fund Raising?**

Car washes, bake sales, garage sales, t-shirts, soliciting vendors, dinners, dances and of course family. These need to be discussed and planned with your parish coordinators.



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**Required Forms?**

Signup Form:

[http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/images/photos/2011\\_WYD\\_Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/images/photos/2011_WYD_Registration_Form.pdf)

Brochure:

[http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/images/photos/February\\_7\\_2001\\_Publication.pdf](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/images/photos/February_7_2001_Publication.pdf)

Kelly Presentation:

[http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/images/photos/February\\_7\\_2010\\_Bishop\\_Kelly\\_Presentation.pdf](http://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/images/photos/February_7_2010_Bishop_Kelly_Presentation.pdf)

Liability Forms: These have not been developed yet.