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August 5- 21, 2011

Tentative dates

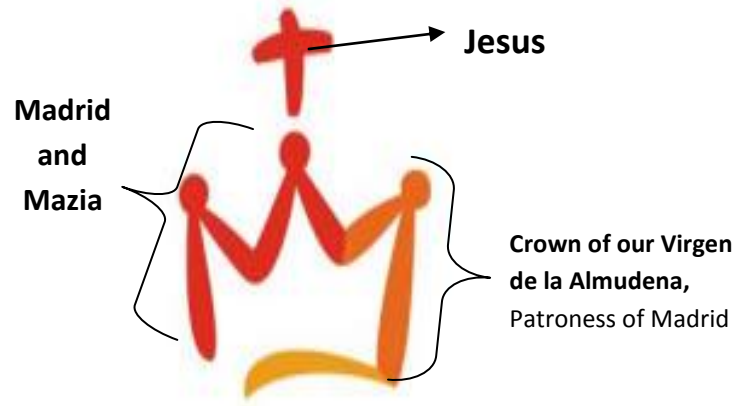
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ARZOBISPADO DE MADRID

world youth day **MADRID 2011**
Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

What is this all about?



It's a journey of faith, friendship, new horizons and dreams, knowing other cultures-people-places, discovering yourself-the world wide Church-God.

This will be one of the most memorable experiences of your life —

GUARANTEED!

Our Pilgrimage will consist of three parts which will build on each other:

PART I:

Theme: ***"I Saw a New Heaven and New Earth!"***

When: Tentative dates are around August 5 -11, 2011

Place: **Pilgrimage to the Island of Mallorca - place of foundation of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity and Junipero Serra's home!**

We will begin our pilgrimage by touring various pilgrimage sites in the Island of Mallorca. It is a chance to know a historical place where saints and martyrs have lived

This part of the trip is currently being organized, the details will be announced in August

PART II

Theme: ***"Lift up your life, Lift up the World!"***

When: Thurs August 11- Mon August 15, 2011

Place: **Siete Aguas – Valencia, Spain**

Price: **120 euros, plus 50 euros for transportation**

In the past 3 WYDs the Verbum Dei Missionaries from around the world have organized an international youth encounter as a time of preparing for the larger events with our Pope and world wide Church in Madrid. The place chosen for 2011 is the oldest Verbum Dei Missionary Spirituality Center, located in Valencia, Spain.

Because the Verbum Dei Missionaries are present in 32 countries we expect about 700 participants from at least 8 languages!

What will we do in Valencia?:

- A great program with moments of prayer, music, liturgical celebrations and faith sharing has been organized for us
- Workshops given by a variety of presenters on various themes
- International festivals and food
- Meeting and sharing with other youth from all over the world who also participate in other campus ministries, are active in their faith, and their local Church.
- A smaller setting allows you to have an atmosphere of creating friendships and networking with those who will live and participate in the same events and place for three days.
- We, as a USA group, will need to organize, brainstorm, and present to the other groups what USA culture & life are about! (possibilities are endless!)

<http://www.fmverbumdei.com/sieteaguas/>

PART III:

Theme: ***“Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith!”*** (cf Col. 2:7)

When: Monday August 15- Sunday 21, 2011

Place: **Madrid, Spain**

Price: **210 Euros for the all included package:**

Room and board, accident insurance, public transportation during the week of WYD, pilgrim backpack [with the book for the ceremonies, hat and shirt, a guide to Madrid and other accessories], free admission to the Festival's cultural activities (concerts, exhibitions, visits to museums) and priority access to the areas reserved for registered pilgrims at the Main Events of WYD.

Itinerary For Encounter in Madrid with the Pope

- Mon 15th August 2011** Pilgrims arrive in Madrid for World Youth Day
- Tues 16th August 2011** 5:30pm Opening Mass @ Plaza de Cibeles
- Weds 17th August 2011** Morning sessions: 9am-12pm
Youth Festival events: 4pm-11pm
- Thurs 18th August 2011** Morning sessions: 9am-12pm
5pm Papal Arrival and welcome at Plaza de Cibeles
Youth Festival events: 4pm-11pm
- Fri 19th August 2011** Morning sessions: 9am-12pm
9pm Stations of the Cross
Youth Festival events: 4pm-11pm
- Sat 20th August 2011** Pilgrimage across Madrid to Cuatro Vientos for vigil
Evening Vigil with the Pope and sleep out 'under the stars'
- Sun 21st August 2011** Papal Motorcade prior to final Mass
9am Final Mass celebrated by the Pope
Announcement of next host city
Youth festival events

Who can come?

- Anyone between 18 to 35 years old
- You don't need to be a practicing or active Catholic, but you at least need to know this is a Catholic event.
- Physically capable of traveling in not-so-comfortable conditions (e.g. we will sleep on the floor with sleeping bags on the vigil mass with the Pope)
- Willing to travel in a group and to prepare with others by participating in the announced meetings pre and post trip.

What about visas?

- USA citizens only need passport (no visa required)
- If you are not an American citizen it's best to check with the Consulate General of Spain:

1405 Sutter Street San Francisco, CA 94109, (415) 922-2995

So what's the estimated cost?

ALL INCLUDED (Room and Board) PRICES:

- August 11-15: Verbum Dei Youth Encounter - \$225 DOLLARS (includes round-trip transportation from Madrid)
- August 15-21: World Youth Day - in Madrid - \$280 DOLLARS
- Days of touring and retreat: ~ \$300
- PLANE costs are about \$1,000 USD

Total Estimate will be around \$2,000

How to fundraise?

- Ask your relatives for Birthday, Christmas, graduation \$\$ gifts (and save it!) (i.e. grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, family friends, neighbors, etc.)
- Ask parishes or other organizations to sponsor you in your pilgrimage (you can promise to present your experience afterwards)
- Get a summer job, car-washes, bake-sales, etc.

This event has been organized by several VDMF communities in the USA.

Please contact the nearest group where you live to find out more about the Fall 2010 Prep-events:

- Spanish classes once a month
- Spanish food dinner night out
- Spanish cultural event night
- USA-VD presentation meetings
- Preparation weekend retreats

For More information contact:

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**PLEASE REGISTER BY: August 15, 2010
(see application form and registration fee)**

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