

# Sendoff for World Youth Day Delegation

Members of St. Ignatius' World Youth Day delegation will be honored during the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 7th. The Mass will recognize the group of young travelers bound for Cologne, Germany and commission them as delegates of the Archdiocese of Baltimore for the 2005 World Youth Day celebration, to take place August 12-23. The five St. Ignatius parishioners will join Cardinal Keeler and 129 other young people and youth ministers to form the delegation from the Archdiocese at World Youth Day 05'.

While in Germany they will experience 12 days of prayer and self-reflection (led by Pope Benedict XVI), historical sightseeing, and the native Bavarian culture.

First started in 1985, World Youth Day is "a festival of encounter and solidarity". Youth between the ages of 16 and 30 gather together from all over the world to strengthen faith and establish identity amongst the Church through prayer, worship, and discussion. The event has been recognized as instrumental to the future of the faith as the next generation of church leaders gathers to share ideas and wrestle with church issues. World Youth Day 05' will be the first youth celebration for the newly elected Holy Father and will be an important opportunity for youth to identify with the Church's new figurehead.

To read about the group's experiences and to see photographs from Germany, visit the Archdiocese of Baltimore's World Youth Day '05 section on its web site, [www.archbalt.org/wyd2005/](http://www.archbalt.org/wyd2005/).