



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Archdiocese of Baltimore

Fact Sheet



WHAT IS WORLD YOUTH DAY?

World Youth Day [WYD] is an international gathering of young people from all over the world. Young people from every corner of the earth make a pilgrimage to the World Youth Day celebration. In 2016 the destination of the World Youth Day Pilgrimage is Krakow, Poland. A pilgrimage is both a physical and a spiritual journey through which pilgrims encounter the compassion and the love of God. World Youth Day gives young people the opportunity to rediscover their baptismal calling and to embrace a deeper understanding of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The power of this gathering brings young people face to face with a new apostolic zeal and challenges them to witness more fully the Gospel in the modern world.

WHO IS INVITED?

When the rest of the world hears World Youth Day, they understand *Youth* to be young adults. The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be traveling with young adults age 18-35. Young people 16 and 17 years old can be part of the pilgrimage if accompanied by a parish or school delegation.

WHEN IS WORLD YOUTH DAY?

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be traveling to Krakow from July 22-August 1, 2016. The itinerary is below

WHAT IS THE THEME OF WORLD YOUTH DAY?

“Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them” (Matthew 5:7)

World Youth Day is not just a day or an experience, but an ongoing pilgrimage of faith for young people. These special days and celebrations are meant to rejuvenate and reinvigorate the spiritual life of youth and young adults along their pilgrim journey, which ultimately leads to Christ Jesus

WITH WHOM WILL WE TRAVEL?

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will be traveling with Dube Travel. Dube Travel has been named the Preferred Partner of Mazurkas Travel (the official travel company for WYD Krakow).

Please note that all travel specifics need to be addressed through the Archdiocesan office.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PILGRIMAGE?

This is a pilgrimage, ***not a vacation package***. A pilgrimage is a long journey or search of great spiritual significance. Often, it is a journey to a sacred place or shrine of importance to a person's beliefs and faith. While we have always opted to stay in hotel accommodations, we have continuously opted to share in the World Youth Day meal plan. This has allowed us the opportunity to meet other people and encounter the many cultures of the world. The culminating event of the Vigil and Closing Mass involves a hike as well as outdoor “sleeping out.”

WHAT WILL OUR TRAVELS INCLUDE?

At present, our itinerary reads as such:



FRIDAY, JULY 22ND - Depart USA.

We will board our flight from USA en route to Warsaw.

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD—ARRIVE IN WARSAW

We arrive in Warsaw and are met by our English speaking guides. We will be given a brief tour of Warsaw, attend a Welcome WYD Rally, and stay overnight in Warsaw.

SUNDAY, JULY 24TH—TERESIN AND CZESTOCHOWA

Wake up and have breakfast at the hotel, we head to Teresin. Possible mass at Niepokalonow, which is where St. Maximillian Kolbe founded his monastery. We then head south to Czestochowa and a visit to the monastery at Jasna Gora and some time to pray at the icon of the Black Madonna. Later in the day we continue to Krakow.

MONDAY, JULY 25TH—AUSCHWITZ

Today we visit Auschwitz, the German concentration camp where millions lost their lives, including Saints Maximillian Kolbe, Edith Stein. After our visit here, we will make a brief stop in Wadowice, the home town of John Paul II.

TUESDAY, JULY 26TH—KRAKOW

This morning, after breakfast we will have the opportunity to become familiar with the city of Krakow. The afternoon we will participate in the opening mass in Blonia Park.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH—FRIDAY, JULY 29TH—WYD

Catechesis in the morning each day, followed by evening cultural events. On Wednesday, we will have the opportunity to participate in a national gathering, hosted by the USCCB, of all WYD Pilgrims from the US. Thursday we officially welcome the Holy Father to Krakow. On Friday, we take part in the Stations of the Cross with the Holy Father.

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

Probable Mass with all other US pilgrims followed by the vigil

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

Closing mass with the Holy Father—afternoon free.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST

After breakfast we're off to the airport for our return flight back to the USA.



Note: Final itinerary subject to change.

WHAT WILL IT ALL COST?

The cost of the Archdiocese of Baltimore World Youth Day package will be **\$3, 895.00**
This includes all the usual stuff to which we have become accustomed to with our travels:

- Airfare all the way to Krakow along with taxes and security fees
- Hotel accommodations
- World Youth Day registration fee
- Some meals in the hotel as well as the WYD meal plan
- Transportation throughout our stay
- The usual tradable give-aways and other shirts and swag for our delegation.

In these times, it should be noted that no travel plans this far in advance can have an absolutely fixed price. If transportation costs increase, we will be forced to pass along those additional charges.

HOW CAN I ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE A SPACE FOR ME?

Below is a payment schedule. If you are newly registered you may do so with a \$500 non-refundable deposit and make sure the trip is paid in full by 6/1/16.

Suggested payment schedule

Due Date	Amount
9/1/15	\$500
11/1/15	\$750
1/1/16	\$750
3/1/16	\$750
4/1/16	\$1145
	\$3895.00

WHOM DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

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