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Resource for U.S. military chapel groups interested in participating in the celebration of WYD in 2027.

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What is World Youth Day?

World Youth Day (WYD) is an international gathering of young people established by Saint John Paul II. First held in Rome in 1986, WYD is led by the Holy Father and takes place every few years in a host city chosen by the Pope. WYD is a pilgrimage of faith, an expression of the universal Church, and an instrument of evangelization for young people. Through prayer, catechesis, the celebration of the Eucharist, and fellowship, it invites participants to encounter Christ, deepen their faith, discern their vocation, and become active members of the Church. At the same time, WYD is more than a religious event. It is a global encounter where young people from different countries, cultures, and backgrounds come together to build friendships, learn from one another, and promote the universal values of truth, love, peace, solidarity, and respect for human dignity.

- from the World youth Day 2027 website



When is World Youth Day?

World Youth Day is a weeklong event that will be held in Seoul, South Korea from August 3-8, 2027.

"Days in the Dioceses" will take place from July 29 - August 2, where many dioceses from South Korea will offer programs to youth as an introduction to the events leading up to the World Youth Day. For more information about the Korean dioceses hosting DID and how to register, please visit https://wyd2027did.org./en-

What is the World Youth Day schedule?

A more extensive schedule of the World Youth Day events will be posted on the official website closer to the event.












Gathering and Registration
Pilgrims gather in the host city for World Youth Day.

Opening Mass
Tuesday, August 3
WYD begins with an opening Mass presided over by the Ordinary of the diocese hosting the event.

Catecheses
Wednesday, August 4 to Friday, August 6
Pilgrims join bishops for catecheses.

Youth Festival
Tuesday, August 3 to Friday, August 6
Various events for young people are held around the host diocese.

Reconciliation Park and Vocations Fair
Tuesday, August 3 to Friday, August 6
Pilgrims are invited to reconcile with the Lord through Confession and hear His call by learning about diverse vocations.

Papal Welcome Ceremony
Thursday, August 5
Young people gather with excitement to welcome the Holy Father. The Pope also welcomes the young people from the around the world whom he has invited himself.

Way of the Cross
Friday, August 6
The Pope and the pilgrims gather together to meditate on the Way of the Cross prepared for them by young people.

Vigil
Saturday, August 7
On Saturday, all the pilgrims move to the venue for the Closing Mass. With the Holy Father, they pray and adore the Eucharist before settling in to spend the night there.

Closing Mass
Sunday, August 8
As Sunday dawns, the pilgrims celebrate Mass with the Pope. After the Closing Mass, the Holy Father announces the host of the next World Youth Day.

How to register for World Youth Day?

Online registration for World Youth Day is available on the WYD 2027 web site. If you would like to register under the AMS, please send an e-mail to yamissionary@milarch.org for further instructions. The Archdiocese has secured accommodation for those affiliated with the military at the Dragon Hill Lodge .

Please see below for details concerting the pilgrim package options.
The AMS recommends A2 - highlited below.



- **A1: Includes meals, accommodation, transportation, travel insurance, and a pilgrim kit from the evening of August 2 (including dinner) to the morning of August 9 (including breakfast) - $310.**
- **Pilgrims wishing to extend their stay by one day earlier or later may choose the following "Plus" option.**
- **A1+(08/01): Includes the above from the evening of August 1 (including dinner) to the morning of August 9 (including breakfast) - $340.**
- **A1+(08/10): Includes the above from the evening of August 2 (including dinner) to the morning of August 10 (including breakfast) - $340.**
- **A2: Lunch/dinner, transportation, insurance, and pilgrim kit provided from the evening of August 2nd to the evening of August 8th - $270**
- **A3: Accommodation (breakfast included), transportation, insurance, and pilgrim kit provided from August 2nd to August 9th - $240**
- **A4: Includes transportation, insurance, and pilgrim kit from 08/03 to 08/08 - $130**

Please note - A Solidarity Fee of $15 per person is added to the final total. This is to help young people from more developing countries to participate in WYD.

Important considerations

Registration

To reigster under the macrogroup of the AMS, please email McKenzie Mauss at yamissionary@milarch.org. Instructions will be provided to the group leader.

Minimum Age

The official ages for participation in World Youth Day are 14-30. Based on previous WYD's, howver, it is recommended for ages 16 and up to attend due to the endurance required each day. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, expects military chapel groups to adhere to the minimum age requirement set by the World Youth Day Committee. Parent/Guardian consent form will need to be signed for any minors attending.

Travel Documents

All military chapel group participants (youth, young adult and adult leaders) must travel with a U.S. passport. It is strongly recommended that US military chapel group participants also travel with their US military ID card. No visa will be needed. Military ID cards are required for those staying at the Dragon Hill Lodge.

Adult Leaders

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA strongly recommends that military chapel groups bring one adult chaperone (age 21 or older) for every five youth participants between the ages of 16-17 years old. Traveling in small groups to the activities during WYD makes it much easier to navigate the crowds rather than trying to keep the whole group together all the time. Having enough adult chaperones makes this possible. Good and constant communication also helps to keep the whole group well informed. The minimum requirement is one adult per ten minors noted on the WYD website.

For example, if you register 23 youth between the ages of 16-17 you ought to also bring 5 adult chaperones. World Youth Day is a long week of prayer, catechesis and celebrations. It is easier to travel in smaller groups (with adult chaperones for those under 18 years of age) and gather together in the evening to reflect upon the experiences of the day. This also presents an opportunity for prayer and updates regarding important information about the upcoming day.

Links and Resources

The official World Youth Day 2027 website
https://wydseoul.org/en

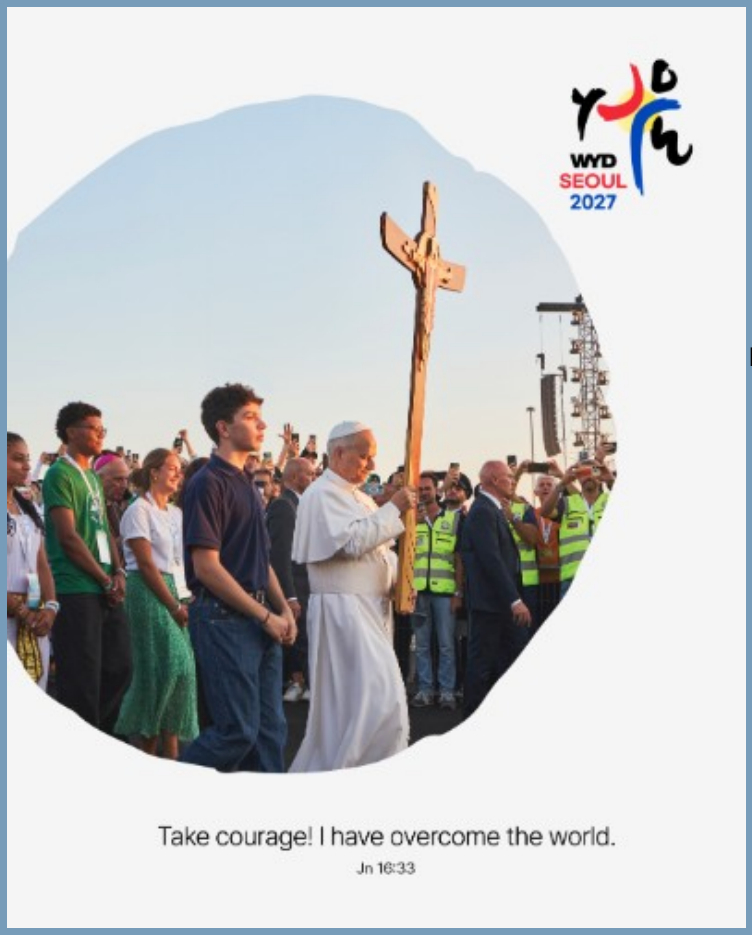
World Youth Day message from Pope Leo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLAvuVQyfQc



The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA web site
https://www.milarch.org/wyd/

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Official Prayer for World Youth Day Seoul 2027



**Loving Lord of all young people,
we thank you for inviting us into your infinite
love and mercy.**

**Our Father, we entrust ourselves to you.
May young people everywhere be comforted
in the embrace of your Church,
and come to share deeply in the joy of
communion and unity.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you overcome the world,
both now and forever.
May all people discover the hope that lies in
your call to take courage,
realizing that the cross of love and forgiveness
is the true victory over the world.**

**O Holy Spirit, Flame of Love,
by your wondrous hand
you have sown the seeds of faith in Korea.
Kindle the flame of the Korean martyrs' faith
in our hearts,
making us into disciples who live out the
gospel of peace, love, and truth.**

**Lord, we pray that through this pilgrim
journey of World Youth Day
we may listen to each other, discern your will,
and become a synodal Church, walking
together with all of God's people. Amen.**

**○ Our Lady of mercy and peace,
◎ pray for us.
○ Holy patrons of World Youth Day Seoul 2027,
◎ pray for all young people.**