

April 2, 2007

Interested in WYD - Potential Pilgrim



Dear Potential Pilgrim,

World Youth Day is so much more than a day! WYD is the single largest Catholic youth event on the planet! It is an unbelievable weeklong spiritual journey where pilgrims all over the world unite to share their faith. The 23rd WYD will be held in Sydney, Australia. This will be the 12th international gathering of young people. This is the first World Youth Day ever hosted on the continent of Oceania. It is an extraordinary gift to the Church in Australia and an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience this great gathering of young people. I hope you will join us on this pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage is tentatively set for July 8-22, 2008. We've planned to spend the first leg of the journey as guests of the Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand, and then fly to Sydney. Over 500,000 young people from all over the world are expected to join us in Sydney for the actual WYD festivities. These include the arrival of the Holy Father, a Way of the Cross through the streets of Sydney, morning catechesis, afternoon Youth Festivals, an overnight vigil with the Holy Father, and a concluding Papal Mass.

Since you've already expressed some interest in World Youth Day, I'm contacting you to inform you of an important information meeting that will be held at the end of this month on April 29 from 4-6 p.m. at the Center for Youth Ministry in Renville. (See attached directions.) Eric Dulka from New Ulm Travel is coordinating the pilgrimage and will be present at the April 29th meeting to outline the itinerary, talk about a payment schedule, and answer any questions. A few veteran WYD pilgrims will also be present to share their experiences and tell you what you can expect. Please spread the word and bring any interested friends!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sister Margaret McHugh, DSMP". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sister Margaret McHugh, DSMP
Director, Office of Youth Ministry & Vocation Awareness

PS If you have not made your \$100 down payment, please bring it with you.
(Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of New Ulm.)

Enclosure