



## Pilgrim Code of Conduct

As a member of the archdiocesan delegation to World Youth Day, I acknowledge that I am an ambassador of my parish and the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The delegation depends on the cooperation of all pilgrims to help serve as a network of support. I will show respect for God, others and places at all times and behave responsibly and participate actively in the events. I also agree to:

- Speak and behave in a way that exemplifies Christian values.
- Limit physical contact with others to what is appropriate for the situation and to what is unambiguously non-sexual and does not cause discomfort or stress to the recipient and/or others.
- Dress modestly.
- Refrain from drug use or alcohol abuse. If consuming alcohol I will exercise prudence as is appropriate for a spiritual pilgrimage; possession of drugs (except medication) and poor behaviour from intoxication will not be tolerated.
- Comply with the directives from my Group Leader.
- Inform the Group Leaders if leaving the group and, if aged 18, obtain permission from the Group Leader to go anywhere unsupervised.
- Sleep in rooms as assigned by Parish Group Leaders and remain in my assigned room after curfew on each night of the pilgrimage.
- Cover my expenses for alternate travel plans should I be asked by the Group Leader to leave the delegation.

I understand that any disregard for the above will result in discipline or removal from the delegation.

Pilgrim Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The legal drinking age in Panama is 18. Parents of pilgrims who are 18 must acknowledge they are aware of this and discuss with their children the appropriateness of consuming alcohol during WYD:

Parent's Name (if pilgrim is 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Delegation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Other related information for Parishes:**

World Youth Day is a very intense pilgrimage experience. It can be both physically and emotionally exhausting and is not recommended for those with significant health issues.

A recommended ratio is four screened adults per parish group taking a group of minors. Depending on the number of minors and their gender, a parish may appoint a number of pilgrims from each gender to be supervising the minors. Minors must share overnight accommodation in rooms only with other minors and/or two screened adults of the same gender; gymnasiums or large hostel rooms are excluded from this limitation. It is highly recommended that screened adults supervising minors at WYD 2019 be 21 years and above.

Screening is done by the Parish Screening Coordinator of that parish group. All signed Code of Conduct forms are kept at the parish. All adults including Priests must sign the Pilgrims' Code of Conduct whether or not their parish delegation includes minors.

Please contact the Safe Environment Office at 604-683-0281 or [tdiewold@rcav.org](mailto:tdiewold@rcav.org) if you require clarification.

### **Definitions:**

**Group Leader(s):** Person(s) appointed by each parish to be leaders/coordinators of their Parish WYD Group.

**Minor:** A person who is 18 at the time WYD 2019 begins.

**Screened adult:** Screened adults are screened according to Safe Environment requirements of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.