World Youth Day 2016
Preparation and Information

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy”
Matthew 5:7

July 26-31, 2016

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WYD Letter to Pastors

June 2014

Dear Pastor,

The Archdiocese of Vancouver - through the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) - is once again offering its support to parishes preparing their young adults for the international World Youth Days (WYD). The next international WYD will take place in Krakow, Poland from July 26-31, 2016. This will be the 31st World Youth Day. The theme is “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy” (Mt 5:7).

Over the next two years leading up to Krakow 2016, the OYYAM will provide training and support to pastors and parish ministry leaders through group leader training sessions, group leader meetings, coordinating the archdiocesan pre and post events, and assisting parish groups as necessary.

As part of this support, we are offering something new for 2016: an archdiocesan travel package. This package will include flights, transfers, accommodations, some meals, and a post trip that parishes can buy into. The OYYAM has partnered with a tour operator in Toronto that has worked on many previous World Youth Days for other dioceses and parishes. Currently, we have reserved 175 spaces for pilgrims coming from all over the Archdiocese. Parishes will be responsible for organizing their own groups but now have the option to buy into a group travel package. Of course, parishes do not have to choose this option and can make their own travel arrangements. All 175 spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is more interest than the spaces allocated, we will look into accommodating more pilgrims as needed. Please see Appendix A for details on the archdiocesan travel package.

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing how we can support you in using this World Youth Day pilgrimage as an encounter to evangelize, engage, and empower the young adults in your parish and our archdiocese.

In Christ,

Clayton Imoo
Director

Gerard Garcia
Consultant for Young Adult Ministry
Introduction to World Youth Day 2016

History

World Youth Day is an annual event that began in 1986 evolving from similar events in 1984 and 1985. The event is celebrated every year at the local diocesan level; however, it is the international event that happens every two to three years that draw the young people from around the world together to meet with the Pope.

The first World Youth Day was held in Rome, Italy in 1984. Subsequent international WYDs have been held in Buenos Aires, Argentina (1987); Santiago de Compostela, Spain (1989); Czestochowa, Poland (1991); Denver, USA (1993); Manila, Philippines (1995); Paris, France (1997); Rome, Italy (2000); Toronto, Canada (2002); Cologne, Germany (2005); Sydney, Australia (2008); Madrid, Spain (2011) and most recently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2013).

The 31st World Youth Day will take place in Krakow, Poland from July 26-31, 2016.

Themes

The theme for the 31st World Youth Day 2016 (international) is:

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy” (Mt 5:7)

The other themes leading up to 2016 are:

29th World Youth Day, 2014 (diocesan level)
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 5:3)

30th World Youth Day, 2015 (diocesan level)
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” (Mt 5:8)

To see all World Youth Day messages, visit the Vatican website:
http://www.vatican.va/gmg/documents/index.html

Website Links

The internet and in particular social networking sites, will be the way of gathering information, registering and preparing for World Youth Day 2016:

➢ Visit the official website of World Youth Day 2016: http://www.krakow2016.com

➢ Salt & Light’s World Youth Day Central Page: www.wydcentral.org. (A source of information for Canadian WYD groups)

➢ Leaders should continue to watch for updates and local information on the Archdiocese of Vancouver WYD page: www.oyyam.com

➢ Pilgrims can best connect to local information regarding World Youth Day by visiting the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/vanwyd

➢ Follow @oyyamvancouver and @vanWYD on Twitter leading up to and during World Youth Day 2016 for updates
World Youth Day Krakow 2016 will most likely be preceded by a week called Days in the Diocese or “Missionary Week.” It will take place throughout Poland before hundreds of thousands of pilgrims arrive for the global youth event.

**Days in the Diocese** aims to give young people the chance to participate in spiritual activities, works of solidarity with local communities, as well as missionary and cultural events.

Families will provide hospitality for the young people taking part in the Days in the Diocese to give them a more authentic experience of what life is like locally.

**Host City/Diocese**

Groups from Vancouver will not be assigned to one particular city or diocese in Poland. It is up to each group to choose a city/diocese that best meets their needs.
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<td><strong>Arrival in Krakow</strong></td>
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<td>• On Monday, July 25, pilgrims and groups registered in WYD will be able to collect their accreditation and backpacks in the places indicated by the organization.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, July 26</strong></td>
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<td><strong>WYD Opening Mass</strong></td>
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<td>• World Youth Day begins with a Mass</td>
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<td>• The first activities of the WYD cultural program include concerts, exhibitions, displays, guided visits to museums, plays, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, July 27</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Catechesis sessions</strong></td>
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<td>• WYD pilgrims, organized by linguistic groups, will have catechesis sessions with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in churches, schools, auditoriums, and sports centres in Krakow.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, July 28</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Papal Welcome</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Way of the Cross</strong></td>
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<td>• More details to follow.</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, July 30</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pilgrimage Walk and Vigil</strong></td>
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<td>• Pilgrims arrive at a different location for the Vigil and Closing Mass. Meanwhile, different activities will take place on the stage: testimonies of young people, musical interpretations, prayers to the Virgin, etc., to prepare for the Vigil.</td>
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<td><strong>Vigil with the Pope</strong></td>
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<td>• The Pope will arrive and Eucharistic adoration will begin. There will likely be an address by the Holy Father.</td>
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<td><strong>Overnight</strong></td>
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<td>• WYD pilgrims will spend the night outdoors.</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, July 31</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Closing Mass</strong></td>
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<td>• The Pope will concelebrate Mass with thousands of bishops and priests, and the Holy Father will announce the hosting city where the next World Youth Day will be held.</td>
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## World Youth Day Logo

### Symbols

#### Meeting's Place
- **Poland**

#### Protagonists
- **Christ**
- **The Youth**

#### Meeting's Theme
- **Mercy**

#### Logo's Colors
- **Red**
- **Blue**
- **Yellow**
Three elements are combined in the symbolism of the logo: the place, the main protagonists, and the theme of WYD. The logo of the 2016 World Youth Day, to be held in Krakow, illustrates the passage from the Gospel according to Matthew 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy", chosen as the theme of the event. The image is composed of a geographical outline of Poland in which there is a Cross, symbol of Christ who is the soul of World Youth Day. The yellow circle marks the position of Krakow on the map of Poland and is also a symbol of youth. The flame of Divine Mercy emerges from the Cross, and its colours recall the image “Jesus, I trust in you”. The colours used in the logo – blue, red and yellow – are the official colours of Krakow and its coat of arms.

**World Youth Day Symbols**

**The Cross**

It is known as the “Holy Year Cross”, the “Jubilee Cross”, the “WYD Cross”, and the “Pilgrim Cross”. Many call it the “Youth Cross” as it was given by Pope John Paul II to young people to take around the world to any place at any time. It was the Holy year of the Redemption (1983-1984). Pope John Paul II felt that there should be a cross - the symbol of our faith near the main altar in Saint Peter's Basilica where it could be seen by everyone. A large wooden Cross, 3.8 meters high, was placed there according to the Holy Father's desire.

At the end of the Holy Year, after the Pope had closed the Holy Door, he entrusted that Cross to the youth of the world, represented by the young people from the San Lorenzo Youth Centre in Rome. His words on that occasion were: "My dear young people, at the conclusion of the Holy Year, I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the Cross of Christ! Carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption" (Rome, 22nd April 1984).

Since 1984, the WYD Cross set out on its journey around the world, in Europe, beyond the Iron Curtains, and to Americas, Asia, Africa and Australia, always present in the international celebration of WYD. Since 1994, WYD Cross has a journey in dioceses of the host-country of WYD.

**The Icon of Our Lady**

In 2003, Pope John Paul II entrusted to the youth another symbol of faith to be taken all over the world with the Cross: the Icon of Our Lady, Salus Populi Romani. This icon is a copy of a venerated icon in Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome (the first and the largest basilica in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary). "From now on it will accompany the World Youth Days, together with the Cross. Behold, your Mother! It will be a sign of Mary’s motherly presence close to young people who are called, like the Apostle John, to welcome her into their lives." (Angelus, 18th World Youth Day, 13 April 2003). Information on Salus Populi Romani can be found by visiting: http://campus.udayton.edu/mary/meditations/saluspr.html
World Youth Day Patrons and Intercessors

More details to come.

World Youth Day Prayer

“God, merciful Father,
in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love
and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
We entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman”.
We entrust to you in a special way
young people of every language, people and nation:
guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today
and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits
from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.
Heavenly Father,
grant that we may bear witness to your mercy.
Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those who have done wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.
Allow the spark of merciful love
that you have enkindled within us
become a fire that can transform hearts
and renew the face of the earth.
Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.
St. John Paul II, pray for us.
Planning for World Youth Day 2016

A part of Young Adult Ministry

Since World Youth Day is geared towards young adults between the ages of 18 and 35, a parish should focus on a plan to outreach, evangelize, catechize, and bring them into community and leadership within the parish with the ultimate goal of drawing them into a deeper personal relationship with Christ. By incorporating the WYD experience within the context of a parish’s ministry for young adults, the WYD experience will be a fuller and richer experience for the individual while connecting them to a local faith community.

As you may be aware and as the research suggests, reaching this generation will take extra efforts on our part. We should encourage the Catholic young adults already connected in their faith and community to go on this journey, but also reach those who could benefit from this experience. We know of many stories where many young Catholics have had their lives changed because of their experience at WYD and this has led many to discern their vocation to priestly, religious or married life.

If you do not currently have a ministry for young adults or are looking to strengthen your current efforts, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for further assistance.

Archdiocesan Travel Package

As mentioned earlier, we have arranged an archdiocesan travel package with Tour Design for WYD 2016. They have organized many diocesan and parish groups for previous WYDs and we have partnered with them to offer a similar package for our Vancouver parish groups. For more details on this package, please see Appendix A.

The benefits:
- A complete travel package organized by an experienced Canadian tour operator of WYDs
- Guaranteed accommodation close to the main events in Krakow
- Name changes without penalty until 5 months before travel

WYD Group Leader

It is important that there be a leader assigned to be responsible for the parish’s WYD group. This person will coordinate the parish efforts which will include planning the logistics, catechesis, and other preparation details for WYD. They will also serve as a liaison between the parish and the archdiocese regarding WYD matters. Some qualities the group leader should have include previous travel experience (preferably attended a previous WYD), good communication and interpersonal skills, coordinating abilities, financial management skills, ability to handle stress, and a passionate and faithful Catholic life.

Beginning in January 2015, we will offer workshops through the Formation Institutes to train WYD group leaders in how to prepare a parish group for World Youth Day. Topics
will include: forming a group, organizing faith formation days, creating a budget, and raising funds.

**WYD Registration**

Registration usually begins one year before the start of WYD. We expect online registration to begin in July 2015.

There are a variety of options with your registration depending on your needs for accommodation and meals.

The archdiocesan policy states that pilgrims must be at least 18 years old at the time of WYD. Therefore, parish and school groups traveling to Krakow will be young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. Pilgrims over the age of 35 are welcome to attend WYD with the understanding that the catechetical sessions, talks, service opportunities, and other activities are geared towards the 18 to 35 age group. This policy will be strictly enforced. This includes minors traveling with parents or other family members. All pilgrims will need to sign a code of behaviour form. Group leaders of pilgrims who are 18 years old need to be screened according to the archdiocesan screening policy. (For more information about the Protecting God’s Children policy, please visit [http://rcav.org/protection-gods-children/](http://rcav.org/protection-gods-children/))

Beginning in January 2016, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be administering a WYD Survey which all parishes need to complete.

**Fees**

Fees for WYD have not been announced yet. As in previous WYDs, you will be invited to include a voluntary nominal fee to contribute to the Solidarity Fund, which has been set up to facilitate the participation of young people from countries with economic difficulties. Past experience would suggest $400-500 CAD per person which includes simple accommodations and meals.

Preliminary costs to budget for (approximate):

- Airline ticket: $1,400 - 1,700
- WYD fee: $250 - 400
- Transfers/Bus/Train fees: $200 - 500 (depending on distance/transportation mode/etc.)
- Paid Accommodations: $700- 1,200

**Accommodations**

*Simple Accommodations*

WYD packages will include simple accommodation options. If choosing the housing option through WYD, pilgrims should be prepared to be provided with "no frills accommodation" in schools, gyms, churches, or family households. You may also expect to travel up to 1.5 hr each way by public transit to get you to/from your accommodations to the main event sites. If you are interested in hotel or hostel accommodations for your group, you should contact your travel agent or tour operator for more details. All pilgrims should bring a sleeping bag and a mat for the overnight vigil.
**Paid Accommodations**
The archdiocesan travel package will include accommodations sites in heart of Krakow. We have reserved space for up to 175 people.
If you choose to do your own hostel/hotel, be prepared to book early and to pay more than the average rate for that time of the year.

**Food**
Food distribution methods for WYD are still to be announced, but as with any travel experience, pilgrims will be experiencing local cuisine and food. Some of the food will be familiar, some unfamiliar. It is important that food allergies or sensitivities are stated at registration, and pilgrims should bring any medication that will assist in the event of an allergic reaction.

**Security**
When travelling to a foreign land, especially one that will be occupied with hundreds of thousands of people from around the world, security will be an issue. **Pilgrims should take every measure to ensure their security.**

You can access information about current travel advisories and recommendations at: http://www.travel.gc.ca

**Travel**
All Archdiocesan pilgrims/groups are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. There are several travel agencies that have helped groups within the Archdiocese before. It helps to have someone familiar with WYD working with you. Private travel insurance is recommended.

Early indications are that the number of pilgrims travelling to Poland will be higher than normal. The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) will do its best to connect individuals without a parish group to an established parish group. Contact us if you will not be creating a parish group, but would like to connect your parishioners to another parish group.

Travel from Days in the Diocese in a host city/diocese to World Youth Day in Krakow is the responsibility of each group and not the WYD Organizers.

Those wishing to have pre or post WYD tours are encouraged to discuss this with their travel agent or tour operator. There are many beautiful places to visit in Poland and in Europe and the opportunity to take in some of the extra sights and sounds should be considered.

For more information about travel recommendations, including health advisories: www.travel.gc.ca

For more information on Poland including language, currency, history and other useful tips, check the tourism page at http://www.poland.travel/en/
Visa Requirements & Immunization

More info to come.

Fundraising

Many groups choose to fundraise to help with costs for WYD. We have many fundraising examples and models that have been successful for groups in past years. A challenge we like to offer is that at each of your fundraising events, involve your community as an enrichment program.

It should be clear as to how funds will be raised, shared, and used between all parties involved (pastor, group leader, pilgrims, parishioners).

We will offer a WYD workshop in early 2015 to share information on effective fundraising opportunities.

Archdiocesan and National WYD Apparel

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will look into creating an Archdiocesan jersey or T-shirt. As in past years, we will also look into ordering a national WYD jersey or T-shirt for groups who request them.

Catechesis and Preparation

Pray, Pray, Pray! World Youth Day is a pilgrimage of faith and an incredible experience of conversion, reconciliation, and renewal for so many of those that make the journey. For this reason we must always remember to give thanks and ask for our Lord’s guidance.

In addition to logistical, fundraising and social gatherings, parish and school groups should gather for prayer, faith formation and catechetical sessions to prepare adequately for this pilgrimage. Great preparation can be done by reflecting on the messages from our Holy Father; in particular, the themes of the 2014 and 2015 World Youth Days: http://www.vatican.va/gmg/documents/index.html

Service projects and opportunities in the parish and civic community are also highly encouraged in preparing for WYD.

We also look forward to seeing Catechesis sessions posted on the Official World Youth Day website (www.krakow2016.com) in the future.

While we strongly encourage smaller group preparations, there will also be some opportunities for pilgrims and leaders to gather together in a larger setting.

Visit our WYD website or WYD Facebook page often for updated information and upcoming events.
World Youth Day Events and Gatherings

WYD Information Sessions

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is available to give 45-60 minute presentations for pastors, parish councils, ministry leaders and groups of interested young adults on World Youth Day. Please contact the OYYAM to schedule your presentation. Tour Design will present a general session on the archdiocesan travel package on September 18 and 19. Sept 18 will be at St. Francis Xavier parish in Vancouver and Sept 19 will be at St. Bernadette parish in Surrey. Both session start at 7pm and will conclude by 8:30pm.

WYD Group Leader Meetings

There will be more frequent WYD meetings for Group Leaders to network, share, and collaborate with one another beginning in the Fall of 2014. Please contact the OYYAM to be notified of these meetings.

Young Adult Events & Gatherings

Over the past few years, there have been many more young adult events and gatherings taking place in parishes, ministries, and other areas of the Archdiocese. We encourage you to bring your groups to these gatherings as they will supplement your preparation for WYD and connect pilgrims with other young adults. Check out the calendar of events at www.rcav.org/events.

World Youth Day Send-Off

The OYYAM will organize an archdiocesan gathering in May or June 2016. This event will likely consist of Mass with the Archbishop, a blessing to all pilgrims, catechesis, food, and a social. More details to follow.

Post World Youth Day Gathering

The OYYAM will organize an archdiocesan gathering in October or November 2016. This event may consist of Mass with the Archbishop, a few testimonies, food and a social. More details to follow.

Visit our WYD website or WYD Facebook page often for updated information and upcoming events.
Travel Agents and Tour Operators

This is a list of travel agents and tour operators that have organized packages for previous World Youth Days in the past. The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry does not necessarily endorse any particular agency. We recommend you contact each travel group to see if they meet your needs and if you like what they have to offer.

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*If you know of any other travel agents, tour operators or organizations that have or will provide packages for WYD, please let the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry know.*
2014
May
- Travel packages to be determined by the OYYAM
- 100% fully refundable deposit is made with the tour company to reserve spots

June
- Promotion of WYD 2016 begins
- WYD 2016 information package sent to Pastors

Jun-Jul
- Registration for the archdiocesan travel package is open
- WYD Information Sessions available upon request
- Parish can begin promoting WYD to their young adults

Sep
- WYD information sessions with Tour Design (Sept 18 & 19)
- WYD promotion continues (posters, social media, bulletin announcements)

Oct 31
- 1st deposit of $500 (non-refundable) is due (Archdiocesan Travel Package)

2015

Jan
- WYD information session (Jan 12, Location: TBA)
- WYD Group Leader Training at Winter Institute (Jan 24)

Feb/Mar
- WYD Group Leaders’ Meeting #1 (TBA)

Mar
- WYD Sunday/Palm Sunday – local diocesan celebration (Mar 29, TBA)

Apr
- WYD Group Leader Training at Spring Institute (Apr 25)

Jun 27
- 2nd deposit is due ($500 non-refundable) (Archdiocesan Travel Package)

July 26
- 1 year until WYD 2016

Sept
- WYD Group Leaders’ Meeting #2 (TBA)
- WYD Group Leader Training at Fall Institute
2016

Jan
- WYD Group Leaders’ Meeting #3
- WYD Preparation Checklist

Mar 25
- Final payment is due (Archdiocesan Travel Package)
- WYD Survey to Pastors

April
- WYD Group Leaders’ Meeting #4

June
- WYD Group Leaders’ Meeting #5
- Archdiocesan Send-Off Event
- Parish Polish Days at St. Casimir Parish

July
- Pilgrims at WYD
- Archdiocesan Mass & Celebration at WYD (TBA)

Oct/Nov
- WYD post-event celebration
- Parish to build on WYD experiences of young adults (ongoing faith formation, leadership, service, and community involvement)
Reservation Procedure for the Archdiocesan Travel Package by Tour Design

1) Parish groups must complete the online reservation form located at www.rcav.org/wyd2016package.
   a) Please indicate which accommodation site you prefer (Centrum Hostel or 4 Friends Hostel). Additional accommodations may become available.
   b) Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

2) Once the OYYAM has confirmed the information on the reservation form, groups will be instructed to set up a parish account with Tour Design. Please wait for confirmation from the OYYAM before contacting Tour Design.

3) Groups must submit the required deposits by the due dates in order to hold on to the spots and not lose any previous deposits.
   a) The first deposit of $500/person is due by October 31, 2014.
   b) Groups will submit one check from the parish for the entire group.

4) Group leaders will need to attend required meetings leading up to World Youth Day.
   a) There will be a total of 5-7 group leader meetings.

5) Groups must meet all the criteria required as described in the Vancouver WYD information package (eg. minimum age, visa requirements, deposits, etc.).
   a) All pilgrims need to sign a code of behaviour form
   b) Group leaders bringing 18 year olds need to be screened according to the archdiocesan screening policy.
World Youth Day 2016 – Kraków, Poland
16 Day Pilgrimage Program
Dates: July 19 - August 3, 2016

Clayton Imoo
Archdiocese of Vancouver

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Note:
1. Prices are per pilgrim in Canadian Dollars
2. Land Only package does not include airfare, day trips or transfers

For reservations please contact your dedicated pilgrimage specialist:
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### ITINERARY

**16 Days – July 19 – Aug 03, 2016**

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”* (Matthew 5:8)

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<td>We gather at the airport today to board our overnight flight to Poland. (Meals will be served inflight) Suggested flight pattern with Air Canada and Lufthansa.</td>
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<td>Arrival in Krakow this afternoon. You will be greeted by your Tour Manager and transferred by coach to your site for Day in the Diocese. Limitation is within 200 km of Krakow and 8 hours of coach time. We recommend that you might consider something around the city of Katowice.</td>
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<td>Transfer by coach today from your site for Day in the Diocese to Krakow to your Hostel located centrally in Krakow for the next 9 nights. Your accommodation provides an individual bed for each pilgrim, daily breakfast, and private facilities. Today Tour Design will also be providing you with your World Youth Day package of information and back packs so you are ready to participate in World Youth Day celebrations. Accommodation: Centrum Hostel</td>
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Day Ten  Thursday July 28, 2016  Krakow - WYD
Catechesis and World Youth Day Activities. WYD participants, organized by language groups, will have catechesis session with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers of Krakow. Welcome for Pope Francis. (Breakfast & WYD meals)
Accommodation:  Centrum Hostel

Day Eleven  Friday July 29, 2016  Krakow - WYD
Catechesis, World Youth Day Activities WYD participants, organized by language groups, will have catechesis session with bishops from all over the world. The sessions will take place in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers of Krakow. This evening we will take part in the Stations of the Cross. (Breakfast & WYD meals)
Accommodation:  Centrum Hostel

Day Twelve  Saturday July 30, 2016  Krakow - WYD
Young people will arrive at the site for the vigil. The Pope will arrive and Eucharistic adoration will begin. An address is made by the Holy Father. Overnight vigil. (Breakfast & WYD meals)
Accommodation: Overnight Vigil

Day Thirteen  Sunday July 31, 2016  Krakow – WYD
The Pope will concelebrate Mass with thousands of bishops and priests, and he will address the young people, to send them out to the world to witness to their faith, as the Lord did with his Apostles. At the end of the Mass, the Holy Father will announce the place where the next edition of World Youth Day will be held. Culmination of World Youth Day 2016. (WYD meals)
Accommodation:  Centrum Hostel

Day Fourteen  Monday August 1, 2016  Krakow – Day trip
Optional Day Trip A: Wadowice, Birthplace of Pope John Paul II and Auschwitz/Birkenau with lunch
You cannot come to Poland and miss these sights. A half-day visit to Oswiecim to see the former Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the biggest factory of death in the history of humanity and the silent witness of human tragedy. The Auschwitz camp consisted of several units, including the largest one at Brzezinka (Birkenau). Of the millions of people brought there in the period between 1940 and 1944, only 60 to 70 thousand utterly emaciated victims were alive at the time of liberation of the camp – at present, the National Museum of Oswiecim is situated on the site of the former camp. More than two million people, mostly Jews, perished here. We will see Death Bunker No 13, which housed Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe. He was executed on the eve of the Assumption of Holy Virgin Mary, on August 14, 1941.

The greatest citizen of Krakow, Poland resided in the Vatican from 1978 to 2005. Before having taken over the Holy See as Pope John Paul II, Karol Wojtyla had lived in Krakow for four decades – practically through his entire adult life until his assumption of the papacy. Here he spent his formative years as a student and then as a young priest, a theologian and a philosopher, a playwright and a poet. And here he made most of the breathtaking ascent from the position of a humble curate at Krakow’s church of St. Florian’s to university professor to Krakow bishop to cardinal to the Vicar of Christ. His love for young people brought him to establish the World Youth Days. The 19 WYDs celebrated during his pontificate brought together millions of young people from all over the world. At the same time his care for the family was expressed in the World Meetings of Families, which he initiated in 1994. Our other half-day tour begins with a trip to Wadowice, “the place where it all began” as the Pope referred to his hometown in 1999 during his visit here. Wadowice is a relatively small town with about 20,000 inhabitants, situated by the river Skawa, about 50 km south-east of Krakow. We will walk the Papal Trail, a total length of 4.5 km over 2 hours. It consists of 11 places around the whole town. You will have a walking tour map and a guide with you to make this journey. We will see the places dearest to Karol Wojtyla during his childhood and adolescence, including the parish church where he was baptized and the house where he was born. Lunch at a local restaurant.
(Breakfast, lunch w/ tour and farewell dinner this evening)
Accommodation:  Centrum Hostel
Day Fifteen  Tuesday August 2, 2016  Krakow – Day trip

Optional Day Trip B: Salt Mines at Wieliczka, Divine Mercy Convent and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska with lunch

We have three sites to visit today. The Salt Mines at Wieliczka, Divine Mercy Convent and time permitting Stations of the Cross at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska. A half-day visit to famous Wieliczka Salt Mine – a world class tourist attraction. Over 700 years, many generations of Polish miners created the underground world, exceptional in its beauty, with the rich interior decoration of the chapels – including the most beautiful of Blessed Kinga, the original linings of the galleries and workings, and the underground salt lakes. We can see up to 20 excavated chambers on 3 levels – of those the main one is located 130 meters below the ground level. The chambers are decorated with beautiful statues sculpted in salt. What is also important – the temperature down there all the year round is the same – 17-18 degrees of Celsius. There are three chapels and an entire cathedral that have been carved out of rock salt by the miners. We hope to make arrangements to include mass at one of these chapels. We will have lunch at the Salt Mines.

A visit to the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, located in the southern suburbs of Kraków and an immensely important place in the late Pope’s life. The Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in the district of Łagiewniki is a new church standing on a larger site including a 19th-century convent Karol Wojtyla visited daily to pray during WWII. The place is most famous for being a pilgrimage site for followers of an obscure, semi-literate nun and mystic, Faustyna Kowalska (1905-1938), who saw a vision of Christ on the evening of February 22, 1931. In it, Jesus appeared with red and white shafts of life emanating from his heart, an image known as the Divine Mercy that is supposed to have miraculous healing properties. The small church inside the convent contains a fragment of bone from the body of Faustina and is a major place of pilgrimage for Catholics all over the country.

Time permitting we will also visit Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, a town in southern Poland and a sanctuary site that has immense cultural and religious value to Polish Catholics. From far away you will see the monastery complex of the Bernardine Father with the early baroque church of the Angelic Mother of God. South of the monastery there is the famous imitation of Calvary paths with chapels and shrines that all resemble the topography of Jerusalem. It covers the area of 300 hectares and attracts 1 million pilgrims annually.

(Breakfast and lunch w/ tour)

Accommodation:  Centrum Hostel

Day Sixteen  Wednesday August 3, 2016  Depart Poland

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. Meals will be served in flight.

(Breakfast and meals in flight)  Suggested flight itinerary with Air Canada / Lufthansa.

** End of Services **

B – Breakfast | L – Lunch | D - Dinner
INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- Based on a minimum group size of 30 full paying passengers
- Roundtrip airfare from Vancouver to Poland (excludes ‘Land Only’ package)
- Two day trips (excludes ‘Land Only’ package)
- Transfer from airport in Krakow to site for Day in the Diocese, transfer from site for Day in the Diocese to Centrum Hostel in Krakow, transfer from the Centrum Hostel in Krakow to the airport (Please advise us of your flight schedule should you decide to book your own airfare. A single transfer will be included at an agreed upon time should pilgrims arrive/depart on separate flights – some restrictions may apply.)
- 9 nights Krakow at Centrum Hostel. Every pilgrim has their own bed.
- Breakfast daily in Krakow and farewell dinner.
- Assistance from Tour Design staff to pick up your backpacks and registration material (Included pick up will be based on number of pilgrims as submitted in your final name list prior to departure – any modifications or extra services may be subject to additional costs)
- Onsite support by Tour Design Tour Manager for your group in Krakow

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- World Youth Day registration fee and fees associated with Days in the Diocese/Mission Week
- Airport departure taxes – Approximately $600. (Subject to change)
- Travel Insurance (Optional)

Notes:
- You must have a valid passport to travel on this tour. It must be valid until 6 months after your return date from Europe. Pilgrims are responsible for travel visas where applicable.
- We highly recommend travel insurance; please contact us for full details and requirements if you require a quote.
DEPOSITS AND PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Good Faith Deposit:

- A fully refundable reservation fee of $100 per pilgrim is due by **May 15, 2014** (or within 10 days of acceptance) to secure your group space.

Deposit and Cancellation:

- Initial deposit of $500 per pilgrim is due at the time of booking or by **October 31, 2014**.
- Names must be submitted exactly as per the passport. All participants must have a passport that is valid for 6 months after your departure date.
- Further deposit of $500 per pilgrim due by **June 27, 2015**.
- Final payment due by **March 25, 2016**.

Cancellation Charges:

- Initial deposit of $500 per pilgrim is non-refundable. Change of name is permitted.
- Further deposit of $500 per pilgrim is non-refundable. Change of name is permitted.
- Between **March 25, 2016** and date of departure: 100% non-refundable – change of name will be subject to airline penalties.

Note:

1. Final documents will be issued by Tour Design and sent to you approximately 4 weeks prior to departure.
2. Please ensure that names submitted to our office are the names of passengers as shown on their passport. Passports should be valid until 6 months from date of departure at last destination. Our office requires submission of copy of passport information of all passengers with final payment. If passport copy is not received, we will not be able to issue your air ticket.
3. Payment by cheque only. 3% surcharge will apply for credit card payment.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to quote. Please review the above arrangement and advise your acceptance in writing. By sending us a signed copy of this proposal, you are hereby informed of your travel arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Tour Design

Accepted by:

Archdiocese of Vancouver

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Fran Bulley,    Clayton Imoo
President - Tour Design    Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Date: May 28th, 2014    Date:
Hostel Centrum is the biggest Hostel in Krakow. It is located in St. Gertrude street, in the very heart of the Old Town, just 200 meters from the Main Square and 150 meters from the Royal Castle on the Wawel Hill. Inside the beautiful, historical flat there is hidden a cosy place with great location and possibility of car or coach access straight into the front of the Hostel. We offer 175 beds in rooms from double to 10-bedded, with private bathrooms inside or outside the room. Excellent location and helpful staff will help you relax after a day full of excitement. In the immediate vicinity of the hostel you can find countless numbers of coffee shops, bars, restaurants, pubs and cinemas. The diversity of flavours and scents gathers here people from Cracow and all over the world. St. Gertrude street is an excellent base to start tours to see many historical and monumental places in Kraków. The main Market Square, the Cloth Hall, the Vistula river and the Jewish district of Kazimierz - all are nearby the hostel.
4 Friends Hostel

http://www.4friendshostel.com/

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About 4.FRIENDS Hostel

'4.FRIENDS' hostel is situated in a newly renovated villa. Each room is functionally furnished and individually decorated. There is also a spacious living room devoted to our guests, where after a long tour, you can take rest in comfortable chairs, using the free television, books, games. We also prepared fully equipped kitchen for our guests and a dining room where every morning fresh and nutritious breakfast is served as well as evening regional snacks.

There is the high speed Internet available throughout whole facility.

Location Information

An excellent location with public transportation just outside the hostel.

- 15 minutes from the airport
- 10 minute bus to The Market Square
- 5 minute bus to Blonia Park

An excellent location with great public transport connection located 50 meters from the hostel, makes it as close to the airport as 15 minutes way! The Market Square is also at your fingertips, to get there it takes only 10 minutes! The hostel is located in the very close surroundings of Krakow's most beautiful parks such as Decius' and Jordan's Park.

In the vicinity there are also: famous Krakow Zoo, the legendary Kosciuszko Mound from where You can admire the panorama of whole city, Blonia (huge green grassland) and Decius' Villa in Cracow.

Note: Tour Design will be operating an exclusive shuttle service from this property to the Market Square in the morning and in the evenings. Schedule and locations TBA.

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