

What do I have to do to go?

First thing you have to do is to tell your local priest about your interest in going. You should then complete the form below and send with a €100 deposit to:

Jim Doyle, Mulrankin, Bridgetown, Co. Wexford.

Forms will be dealt with on a first come basis as there are a limited number of places available.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parish: _____

Local Priest's Signature: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile No: _____

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Dear Young Friends,

We continue our spiritual pilgrimage toward Krakow, where in July 2016 the next international World Youth Day will be held. As our guide for the journey we have chosen the Beatitudes. Last year we reflected on the beatitude of the poor in spirit, within the greater context of the Sermon on the Mount. Together we discovered the revolutionary meaning of the Beatitudes and the powerful summons of Jesus to embark courageously upon the exciting quest for happiness. This year we will reflect on the fifth beatitude: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7)

The desire for happiness

The word "blessed", or "happy", occurs nine times in this, Jesus' first great sermon (cf. Mt 5:1-12). It is like a refrain reminding us of the Lord's call to advance together with him on a road which, for all its many challenges, leads to true happiness.

This search for happiness is shared by people of all times and all ages. God has placed in the heart of every man and woman an irrepressible desire for happiness, for fulfillment. Have you not noticed that your hearts are restless, always searching for a treasure which can satisfy their thirst for the infinite?



Pope Francis' Message for World Youth Day: "Have the courage to be happy"



The Diocese of Ferns invites you to join them on pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland July 2016



What is World Youth Day (WYD)?

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young Catholics from all over the world who gather with the Pope to celebrate their faith during a week long festival.



Krakow
WYD
2016



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How does this concern me?

The Diocese of Ferns is hoping to send a pilgrimage of young people to Krakow to celebrate our faith with Pope Francis. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for anyone fortunate to go, and an event that you will never forget. The pilgrimage will take place around the 20th of July 2016 until around the 1st of August 2016 (exact dates to be confirmed due to flight availability).

What age do I have to be?

To be eligible to go with the diocese, you need to be aged between 18 and 30, though some people may be older. No exceptions, however will be made for people not aged 18 by July 2016.

How much will it cost?

There will be a deposit of €100 required to secure a place on the pilgrimage. The trip should cost at most €700 where pilgrims will be expected to pay €300 and then fundraise €400 per person. If you do not wish to fundraise it is possible for you to pay the total amount.

When and Where?

We expect to start the trip on Wednesday 20th of July 2016 where we will be travelling to a Polish diocese, here we could be staying with families or in hostels until Sunday 24th of July. On Monday 25th of July we journey to Krakow where we will be either staying with families or in a school or hall. It is important to note that plans at this stage are provisional and will be confirmed later.

How did it start?

World Youth Day began with a huge response to an invitation by Pope John Paul II to young people of Italy to come and meet him in 1985. The Pope invited them to recognise the potential of such gatherings and formally establish regular 'appointments' with young people.

World Youth Day is a living relic to Pope John Paul II with a vision of young people participating at the very heart of the Church.

When and Where does it take place?

World Youth Day is celebrated on a diocesan level every year, but every three years it is celebrated internationally with a week long festival. In the past it has been celebrated in Buenos Aires, with the attendance of 1 million young people; in Santiago de Compostela, with more than 500,000; in Czestochowa, with 1.6 million; in Denver, with 600,000; in Manila, with approximately 4 million; in Paris with 1.2 million; in Rome, with 2 million; in Toronto, with 800,000; in Cologne, with 1.1 million; in New York, with 400,000; in Madrid with 2 million; and in Rio de Janeiro with over 3.5 million! **The Next World Youth Day will be in Krakow, Poland from 25th - 31st of July 2016!!!**



Why World Youth Day?

"I have very lovely memories of World Youth Day in Cologne: it was much more than a massive gathering of people; above all, it was a celebration of faith, a human encounter of communion in Christ. We saw how faith breaks down barriers and truly has the ability to unite different cultures and create joy. I hope this will be repeated now in Australia. That is why I am happy to see my young people united in the desire for God and for a better human world."



Interview with Benedict XVI with Journalists during the flight to Australia, July, 2008)



WYD KRAKOW – JULY 2016
SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

- Wed 20th - Depart Ireland for Poland
- Wed 20th - Sunday 24th - Visit Polish Diocese

WEEK 2

- Mon 25th - Arrive in Krakow
- Tue 26th - Opening Mass
- Wed 27th - Thurs 28th - Youth Festival
- Thurs 28th - Welcome Pope Francis
- Fri 29th - Way of the Cross
- Sat 30th - Vigil with the Holy Father
- Sunday 31st - Final Mass

- Departure Date 1/8/2016



Who will we be travelling with?

We will be travelling as a diocesan group, and although there will be plenty of time for sight-seeing and relaxing, pilgrims will be expected to fully participate as a group in the organised activities.

