

WYD 2013 OFFICIAL PRAYER

O Father, You sent Your Eternal Son to save the world and chose men and women, through Him, with Him and in Him, to proclaim the Good News to all nations.

Grant us the graces necessary so that joy may shine in the faces of all young people, the joy of being, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the evangelists the Church needs in the Third Millennium.

O Christ, Redeemer of humanity, the image of Your open arms on the top of Corcovado welcomes all people. In Your paschal offering, You brought us by the Holy Spirit to an encounter of sonship with the Father.

Young people, who are fed by Eucharist, hear You in Your Word and meet You as their brother, need your infinite mercy to run the paths of the world as missionary-disciples of the New Evangelization.

O Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and the Son, with the splendor of Your Truth and the fire of Your Love, send Your Light to all young people so that, driven by their experience of World Youth Day, they may bring to the four corners of the world faith, hope and charity, becoming great builders of a culture of life and peace and catalysts of a new world.

Amen.

TIPS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY & SECURITY

- ◆ Always travel in a group. Traveling alone creates a personal safety risk. Group leaders should know exactly where their pilgrims are at all times.
- ◆ Exercise extreme caution when walking and crossing streets. Please use designated crosswalks and be mindful of fast-moving, heavy traffic.
- ◆ Do not leave your valuables at your lodging site or hotel.
- ◆ Inquire about fire safety procedures at your lodging site.
- ◆ Do not make jokes or threats about weapons, bombs, or dangerous acts.
- ◆ Do not venture out, especially alone as well as in groups, at night. Stay close to official WYD event locations; do not veer outside those boundaries.
- ◆ Please report anything suspicious to the local authorities and WYD staff.
- ◆ In the event of an emergency dial:
190 for the Rio City Police
3399-7170 for the Tourist Police
000 333 for the Intl. Operator

If you are lost or in the event of an emergency, seek out World Youth Day security and volunteers - or contact the local municipal authorities/police.



World Youth Day 2013 Important Safety & Security Guidelines

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
July 23 to 28, 2013



WYD: An International Celebration

World Youth Day is a celebration of youth and young adults (from age 16 to 35), and a visible testimony of the global Catholic Church that is continually being renewed. Young people are the main participants in this meeting of faith, hope, and unity.

One of the main goals of World Youth Day is to inspire young people with Christ's message: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). This is the theme of WYD 2013. The theme calls each of us to be firm in the faith and boldly go out into the world and spread the Gospel and Christ's message to everyone.

The USCCB has developed this guide as an informative reminder for all World Youth Day participants, group leaders and chaperones, church authorities, and volunteers.

Proper Identification

While in Brazil, it is important that you **carry a picture ID** such as an original passport or a scanned color copy.



Pilgrims should also be sure to keep their **Registration Protocol Certificate** with them for the duration of their trip. This certificate is important, with the ecclesial stamp and signature because it verifies your status as a WYD pilgrim. There is also a possibility that pilgrims could run into difficulties with the Brazilian authorities for a number of reasons, which is another reason to carry the certificate to verify your identity.

Things to Remember for WYD Rio:

- Passport:** required for entry to the country
- Brazilian Visa:** visas must be applied for by all pilgrims. They are complementary, but very necessary to enter the country of Brazil.
- WYD Registration Protocol Certificate**
- WYD badge** (you will receive this in Rio)

To obtain your WYD Brazilian Visa, you must fill out an online visa application, bring the receipt of that application process and a passport-style photo, plus your registration protocol and passport, to a Brazilian consulate. Give yourself several weeks to allow for your visa to process.

Also, your WYD Registration Protocol certificate and WYD badge (which you will receive upon check-in at WYD) are your ticket to enter WYD events. Please, do not lose or forget to have them with you at all times.

Your credentials, visa, badges, or protocols may not be transferred—and should not be shared or given away or lost. Missing credentials create a security risk. Lost credentials are not easily replaced. In case of an emergency, please proceed (with your group leader) to a WYD Information Center located throughout the city of Rio. Also in addition to this, remember that all participants from the United States are reminded to act in a Christian manner and adhere to the codes of conduct of their local



Creating a Safe Environment

At WYD Rio, there will be thousands of group leaders, trained volunteers, and staff on hand to ensure safety and security. Also, the local Brazilian police will be present throughout the downtown area of Rio.

WYD greeters and security personnel will be at the entrances to all events. Each pilgrim must have valid WYD credentials (i.e. pilgrim badges and registration protocol) for entry. Also, due to the high volume of pilgrims, please plan for additional wait times in your schedule for the lines to enter events.

Backpacks, Bags, and Purses

Traditionally, many pilgrims carry a backpack throughout WYD. As a result, pilgrims and group leaders are encouraged to travel light. If possible, try to carry only those items you will need for that day. Please do not leave your backpack unattended, for any reason.

Emergency Exit

If emergency evacuation is necessary, please follow the instructions of police, security personnel, WYD volunteers, and/or any of the public announcements.



In the unlikely event of widespread sustained crisis, each group leader should have a designated a crisis check-in location. Report to this location, if instructed to do so by security, law enforcement, or event personnel.