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Organised by the Council for Young People (an agency of NZCBC) and the Community of St John



# FRANCE - PORTUGAL PILGRIMAGE

*An awe-inspiring journey from Paris to Lisbon culminating in the World Youth Day experience*

World Youth Day (WYD) 2023 will be a gathering in Lisbon, Portugal of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis. It will be a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the Universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth of the world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

## KEY INFORMATION:

### INDICATIVE PRICE \$6500

This price includes flights, accommodation, and some meals as listed above. Excludes personal travel insurance.

### ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 9 of the pilgrimage we will be accommodated in hotels and monasteries which are generally twin room share. Days 10 - 16 of the pilgrimage (Days in the Diocese) we will be accommodated in host homes or simple accommodation. Days 17-21 of the pilgrimage (World Youth Day) we will be accommodated in simple accommodation (Marae Style).

### THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

This pilgrimage has a particular emphasis on the spiritual life. As such, daily Mass will be available throughout the pilgrimage and several chaplains will be joining the pilgrimage as spiritual guides along the journey.

### ITINERARY

This draft itinerary is subject to change but will be confirmed when registration opens.

### TRANSPORT TO AND FROM AUCKLAND

Pilgrims must arrange their own transfer to and from Auckland for the arrival and departure flights (times TBA).

### REGISTRATION

There are limited seats available for this pilgrimage so please register your expression of interest with the Diocesan Contact. Official registration opens in September and will require a \$250 deposit.

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## ITINERARY:

Meal Code - B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner

### DAY 0: SATURDAY 15 JULY - DEPART AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### DAY 1: SUNDAY 16 JULY - ARRIVE IN PARIS

Transfer to accommodation. Try out the local cuisine and begin exploring Paris.

*Overnight in Paris.*

### DAY 2: MONDAY 17 JULY - PARIS

While in Paris we will visit the stunning **Basilica of Sacre Coeur** and the **Cathedral of Notre Dame**, including the San Chapelle famous for its exceptional collection of 13th-century stained glass. We will also visit the Rue de Bac and pray before the incorrupt body of **St Catherine Laboure** and the incorrupt heart of **St Vincent de Paul**. Mary the Mother of God appeared to St Catherine Laboure in 1830 and the very first **Miraculous Medal** was struck here in 1832. The coach will visit the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe for a photo opportunity.

*Overnight in Paris (B)*

### DAY 4: TUESDAY 18 JULY - PARIS TO LISIEUX

This morning we will travel to Lisieux, home of 'The Little Flower', **St Thérèse of Lisieux**, Doctor of the Church, whom Pope Pius X called "the greatest saint of modern times". We will visit the Carmelite Convent Chapel and Le Buissonnets, the holy home of three saints: Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, and their child St Therese. That afternoon we will return to Paris for the night.

*Overnight in Paris (B/D).*

### DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 19 JULY - PARIS TO RIMONT

Leaving Paris en route to Rimont we will visit Nevers, the resting place of **St Bernadette**. There will also be an opportunity to visit Taizé, the home of **Taizé style meditation**.

*Overnight in Rimont (B/D)*

### DAY 6: THURSDAY 20 JULY - ARS

Today we visit Ars, the village where **St John Vianney**, the Curé of Ars, resided and his incorrupt body still resides today. Pilgrims from all over Europe flooded to Ars and would wait for hours to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from the Curé of Ars, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

*Overnight in Rimont (B/D).*

### DAY 7: FRIDAY 21 JULY - RIMONT TO LYON

Today we will visit Lyon and discover the French connection to the Catholic Church in Aotearoa. Lyon was home to **Bishop Pompallier** and **Mother Mary Joseph Aubert** before they travelled to the Pacific. In the footsteps of **St Peter Chanel**, we will climb the hill to the shrine of **Our Lady of Fourviere**, where the first Marists dedicated themselves to the foundation of the Society of Mary.

*Overnight in Le Puy (B).*

### DAY 8: SATURDAY 22 JULY - LE PUY TO LOURDES

En route to Lourdes we will visit the tomb of **St Thomas Aquinas**, Doctor of the Church. Author of the Summa Theologica, Aquinas provides a history of the cosmos and an outline for the meaning of life itself.

*Overnight in Lourdes (B/D).*

## **DAY 9: SUNDAY 23 JULY - LOURDES**

Walking in the footsteps of **St Bernadette** this day includes visiting the apparition sites, the baths (if you choose), and the upper and lower basilicas.

*Overnight in Lourdes (B).*

## **Day 10: MONDAY 24 JULY - LOURDES TO FATIMA**

We will spend the morning in Lourdes together before travelling to Fatima (B).

## **DAY 11 - 16: TUESDAY 25 JULY - SUNDAY 30 JULY - FATIMA**

We will join local families for the **Days in the Diocese**. We will participate in a range of activities including a visit to the **Fatima Sanctuary**.

*Overnights in Fatima (B/L/D).*

## **WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON**

### **DAY 17-21: MONDAY 31 JULY TO FRIDAY 4 AUGUST - LISBON**

Arriving into Lisbon we will receive our WYD pilgrims bag containing our pilgrim pass, transport pass, and everything we need to participate in the WYD events. The event begins on Monday evening with the welcoming and **opening ceremony**. Each morning we will gather in one of the hundreds of venues across the city for catechesis and Mass. The **Youth Festival** in the evenings and night features music, dance, dramatic performance, and guest speakers, across the city in large and small venues. On Thursday afternoon we will **welcome the Pope** with a huge celebration. On Friday we will enter into the Passion of Christ by praying the **Way of the Cross** with the Holy Father.

*While participating in WYD we will stay in simple accommodation (B/L/D).*

### **DAY 22: SATURDAY 5 AUGUST - PILGRIM WALK - LISBON**

Today we will begin the mass movement of peoples towards the site of the vigil where we will sleep out the night. The day consists of a walking pilgrimage to the site of World Youth Day. The remainder of the afternoon is full of song, concerts, and performances, in anticipation of the arrival of the Holy Father.

**Evening Vigil** - The main event begins! Millions of young people together with the Pope - an **unforgettable atmosphere**. Celebrations continue into the evening, night, and early morning as we sleep out under the stars.

### **DAY 23: SUNDAY 6 AUGUST - WORLD YOUTH DAY - LISBON**

Awaken to the rising sun as we share morning prayer and breakfast. The climatic closing Mass with the Pope is the grand finale to the event.

### **DAY 24: MONDAY 7 AUGUST - FLY TO AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND**

Transfer to the airport and begin the journey home.



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