

“WORLD YOUTH DAY”

Annual Celebration of Youth and Young Adults

At the end of Mass on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 22, 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of the celebration of World Youth Day in the particular Churches, i.e. local dioceses and eparchies throughout the world. He announced that this celebration, which traditionally had been held on Palm Sunday, starting in 2021 will be held on the Sunday of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Therefore, we now are invited to stand in solidarity with His Holiness and the Universal Church to celebrate God’s gift of youth and young adults every year in November on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This special day in the life of the Church, centered on the Lord, reminds each of us to constantly imitate, draw close to, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ as we accompany young people on their pilgrim journey through life. While youth and young adults remain in our hearts throughout the entire year, this one day is now designated as a special moment of renewal and recommitment of the Church to young people, and an invitation to all youth and young adults to renew and recommit themselves to Christ, the Gospel, and his Church.

In his [Message for the 2021 Diocesan WYD](#), given under the theme: “Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen. (cf. Acts 26:16)”, Pope Francis invites young people to walk with him on the spiritual pilgrimage that will lead to the upcoming 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

As we prepare for World Youth Day, let us be sure to join in prayer for youth and young adults in our parish, in our Archdiocese, and throughout the entire Universal Church.

A Prayer for Youth and Young Adults

**Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,
to you we turn in humble prayer.
Look with favor upon all young people,
bearers of hope for the Church and the world.**

**Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults,
bless the paths of discovery and discernment,
through times of joy and experiences of hardship,
with the constant love and support of your Church.**

**Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people,
grant that we may “journey together, young and old...
to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge,
awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom.” ***

**Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind,
open our hearts to encounter all young people,
to accompany and be in community together,
and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.**

**Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit,
graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore.
Amen.**



** Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, 199*

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JOINT ARCHDIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION 2021 – “Come Alive”

Monday, Nov. 15th	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Catechesis Part 1: Fundamentals of our Catholic Faith (<i>Saint John XXIII Church</i>)
Wednesday, Nov. 17th	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Catechesis Part 2: Our Identity As Young People of Faith (<i>Precious Blood Church</i>)
Saturday, Nov. 20th	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Joint Archdiocesan World Youth Day Celebration at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 85 Kirkbridge Drive, Winnipeg

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