



SAINT MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
YOUTH MINISTRY



RE: WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

World Youth Day is an annual event in the life of the Catholic Church, but it is the international event that happens every 2-3 years that draws millions of young adults from around the world to encounter the Lord Jesus Christ in a week-long celebration of prayer, music, service and community with the Pope! The next international World Youth Day will take place in Panama City, Panama from January 22-27, 2019 and we want you to experience this amazing pilgrimage of faith!

Proposed Schedule (Subject to Change):

<i>Depart YVR</i>	January 16	<i>Flights to be booked in 2018</i>
Days in the Diocese	January 17-21	DID Accommodations and Meals
World Youth Day Events	January 21 - 27	WYD Accommodations and Meals
Depart Panama	January 28	Flights to be booked in 2018
<i>Arrive in Mexico City</i>	<i>January 28</i>	<i>Hostel and Food in Mexico City</i>
<i>Day Trip to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> <i>Depart Mexico City</i>	<i>January 29</i>	<i>Accommodations and Meals TBD</i>
<i>Arrive at YVR</i>	<i>January 29</i>	<i>Flights to be booked in 2018</i>

Fees

Preliminary costs to budget for (approximate):

- Airline ticket: \$500 - \$900
- WYD fee: \$100 - 400
- Transfers/Bus/Train fees: \$100 - 300 (depending on distance/transportation mode/etc.)
- Paid Accommodations: \$500- 1,200

Non-refundable payments of \$500 will be collected six times, every two months, for a total of \$3,000. We may deem the last payment unnecessary if we are frugal. Remaining cash will be divided and returned to participants after the trip is over.

Total Approximated Cost: \$2,500 - \$3,000

First payment of \$500 is due before January 17, 2017. Only the first twenty people to submit their deposit will be guaranteed a spot. However, preference will be given to St. Matthew's parishioners if there is not enough space.



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Who Can Attend?

Young adults between the ages of 18-35 years old are the main participants of WYD. It is an Archdiocesan policy that pilgrims be at least 18 years of age at the time of WYD.

Only the first twenty people to submit their deposit will be guaranteed a spot. However, preference will be given to St. Matthew's parishioners if there is not enough space.

Days in the Diocese (DID)

DID is a five- to six-day event that precedes the week of WYD. Pilgrims are hosted by parish communities with whom they eat meals, celebrate Masses, pray, and experience the culture of local parishioners. Most often, the closest bonds of WYD are formed during the DID experience. Many pilgrims continue to communicate with their host families long after the DID farewell Mass.

Accommodations

WYD packages will include simple accommodation options. 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. All pilgrims should bring a sleeping bag and a mat for the overnight vigil.

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.

Cancellation and Name Transfer Policy

If for any reason you can no longer attend World Youth Day, we will not refund any payments you have made so far. However, you will be able to transfer your spot to another person who is interested. While we can help you do this, it will ultimately be your responsibility.

Flights and Itinerary

Anyone travelling before or after World Youth Day should inform the Coordinator as soon as possible. We will try to book our flights as a group. Alternate travel arrangements outside of the itinerary are discouraged.

Participation

WYD is not just two weeks of your time! Participants will be expected to attend meetings in the months leading up to WYD and assist with planning and logistics.

Contact

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Drop this form off in the mailbox outside the parish office in an envelope labelled "WORLD YOUTH DAY" and enclose a **non-refundable (but name transferable) deposit of \$500 before January 17**. This will go towards the cost of the trip. Cheques made out to "St. Matthew's R.C. Parish". E-transfer will not be accepted.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	GENDER <i>(Circle)</i> Male / Female
ADDRESS & CITY		
POSTAL CODE	PARISH	
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	
CARE CARD #	SHIRT SIZE <i>(Circle)</i> S / M / L / XL	
FAMILY PHYSICIAN	PHYSICIAN PHONE #	
SPECIFIC DIETARY NEEDS, ALLERGIES, CHRONIC ILLNESSES OR OTHER CONDITIONS, CURRENT MEDICATIONS, FEARS, TENDENCIES ETC.		
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	
EMERGENCY CONTACT PRIMARY PHONE	EMERGENCY CONTACT SECONDARY PHONE	



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY WAIVER

I understand that participation in the St. Matthew's Pilgrimage to Panama 2019 (hereinafter referred to as "the Trip") will involve me traveling to Panama City, Mexico City and environs in January 2019 I have read the given materials concerning the Trip and agree to the risks which have been discussed in meetings to prepare me for the Trip.

In consideration of approval to participate in the Trip, I hereby release and hold harmless St. Matthew's R.C. Parish, the Archdiocese of Vancouver, its officers and directors, agents and employees from any and all liability due to actions, causes of actions, any loss, damage, injury or expense that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer, as a result of my participation in the Trip due to any cause whatsoever including but not limited to: negligence, breach or breaches of contract or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, delay, expense resulting from events beyond their control, acts of God, war, civil unrest, sickness, transportation, scheduling, and government restrictions or regulations.

It is understood that I will obtain travel insurance and that I shall obtain adequate medical, personal health, dental and accident insurance coverage, as well as protection of my personal possessions.

I understand that it is my responsibility to abide by the instructions given by St. Matthew's. R.C. Parish and the laws of Canada. It is understood that St. Matthew's. R.C. Parish can require my withdrawal from the Trip for reasons of illness or conduct unbecoming a representative of St. Matthew's. R.C. Parish, irrespective of whether or not I am a member of St. Matthew's. R.C. Parish, and will be the sole authority in exercising that judgement. I understand that I shall pay the cost of a return trip should I be sent home for unbecoming conduct.

I authorize any necessary medical or dental treatment on my behalf, should I be unable to give such consent. This consent includes reasonable medical or dental treatment including but not limited to diagnostic tests, x-rays, examinations, anesthesia, or other procedures which may be deemed necessary to my medical well-being for the duration of the trip.

I recognize that in the event of a general civil emergency St. Matthew's. R.C. Parish will endeavour to assist its representatives.

I understand that this agreement cannot be modified nor interpreted except in writing by St. Matthew's. R.C. Parish and that no oral modification or interpretation shall be valid.

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____