

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011

Memo to Directors, Pastors, CYM's and Non-SDB Salesian Youth Ministers

The Next World Youth Day with the Holy Father is August 9-22, 2011

This memo is about the Salesian Pilgrimage from the St. Philip the Apostle Province. With the assistance of our travel agency we have planned twelve great days in Portugal and Spain. The province youth ministry office has been sponsoring World Youth Day Pilgrimages since Denver in 1993. We are getting ready for the next one. (For the next WYD USA pilgrims and Canadian Pilgrims will travel separately and will be doing some joint activities)

Our Province Pilgrims should be:

- Salesian young adult leaders
- 18 years to 29 years old
- Have proven their involvement in the Salesian Family and in our apostolates
- Recommended by a Salesian

Estimated Costs:

Total Estimated Package Cost per Person \$2,999

(price subject to increase \$200-\$500 if the American dollar loses greater value)

Salesian Pilgrimage Package Includes:

1. Roundtrip airfare from the New York City area to Portugal/Spain
2. World Youth Day registration
3. Transportation in Spain
4. Breakfast daily at hotel (WYD provides lunches and dinners with registration)
5. Tourist class hotel lodging
6. T shirts, give-aways

PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER AND DECIDE ON A COURSE OF ACTION

November 4, 2009

Dear Directors, Pastors, CYM's:

I am writing you to inform you of the World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Please review the MEMO and the brochures included with this letter.

Here you can see that you have a unique opportunity to choose two or three (or even five) of your young adult leaders and solidify their Catholic and Salesian identity.

I believe that each parish, school or youth center could partially subsidize the pilgrimage for the participant. This donation from the "Sending Community." - the parish council, alumni association and/or the SDB community- will go a long way in giving potential pilgrims the courage to attempt raising personal funds over the next 12 months.

Ultimately the decision to participate is in the hands of each pilgrim. They must say yes and want to go! However, many great young people from your ministry will never really consider going unless asked directly by you. They may receive the extra incentive needed to go if you –CHOOSE THEM and promise some support for their fundraising efforts.

Please do the following-

- **Have a community meeting with your ministry leaders**
- **Talk about the pluses and minuses of sending young adults from your ministry**
- **Come up with a reasonable financial donation for each participant (or a promise to work on a fundraiser that will really help your participants)**
- **Choose two or three or even five from your parish who you want to attend**
- **If you have a group of five or more—Please send an adult over 32 years old—with your group. We will discount that adult's fare because you are sending a group.**
- **If any Salesian brother or priests wants to attend with your group (five or more) we would love it! That fare will be discounted.**

Before the Salesian Office of Youth ministry starts publicizing and marketing the pilgrimage on our website and through our newsletters, we want our SDB and Salesian Associates in Ministry to have the opportunity to plan and get onboard if they choose. In January we will 'open up' the remaining spots.

Thank you for your consideration. Take the first step and choose to invite some pilgrims or get a whole little group to go.

Thanks and my prayers
In Jesus,

Fr. Steve Ryan SDB
Province Coordinator of Youth Ministry