

Sacred Heart Church

World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2019

Pope John Paul II announced the institution of World Youth Day in December, 1985, as an annual gathering of youth and young adults for prayer, worship and celebration of the Catholic faith. The event is observed annually in dioceses and every two to three years at an international gathering.

THE PURPOSE OF WORLD YOUTH DAY IS THREEFOLD

Putting Trust in the Young

World Youth Day is a coming together of young adults from the four corners of the world and a strong reminder of the strength and confidence the young bring to the Church today.

Gathering Together

World Youth Day is not simply a gathering for the young people of the world, but a time to put trust in the world's youth. A calling for the world's youth to come together as one people.

Meeting the International World on a Human Level

It is still a marvel in this the 21st Century to exchange with others and to be a part of an international experience. International events are able to stir much hope but also many fears (increase in fundamentalism, nationalism and other new conflicts. . .) The Church and Christians themselves have a role to play in preventing the development of these fears, and in aiding each person in finding their way and discovering hope.

General Information:

Pilgrimage dates: January 17– 28 2019

World Youth Day in Panama City, Panama

See attached itinerary.

Cost per pilgrim: \$3,500 (\$150 NON-Refundable Deposit)

- Amount to be paid by each pilgrim \$1, 500
- Balance amount to be fundraised by WYD Group
- Additional fees may be applied

Participation Requirements:

- Pilgrims **MUST** be active participants in one of the following: Sacred Heart Confirmation Program, Youth Group or a Sacred Heart Ministry
- Youth participants (age 16–18) must be at least 16 years of age by January 2019.
- Young Adult Participants (age 19–22)
- Adult Chaperones will be confirmed by the World Youth Day Coordinator after youth participants have registered. This is to insure safety ratio is met.
- Scheduled Meetings
- All pilgrims are expected to participate in fundraising and community events.
- You must present a valid U.S. Passport to the WYD Coordinator by May 4, 2018

Passport must be valid through July 2019

***For more information please contact World Youth Day Coordinator at the Parish Office 760 346-6502
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