

# World Youth Day 2011

## Diocese of Charlottetown

### Date and Information Sheet

**This page is very important. Please keep it in a safe place where you know where it is. Some of the dates and places may change. It is also accessible at [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com).**

#### Formation sessions

Date	Start	End	Place
Feb 4, 2012			TBD
May 5, 2012			TBD
Aug 4, 2012			TBD
Nov 3, 2012			TBD
Feb 2, 2013			TBD
May 4, 2013			TBD
July 6, 2013			TBD
October, 2013	Sunday TBD	Mass, lunch, follow-up	TBD

#### Payment Schedule

The Diocese has a contractual obligation with the tour company. Payments must be received at the Pastoral Centre by the dates below or you could lose your space and forfeit previous deposits. At this point we do not have a final price but expect it to be approximately \$5000. The dates on refundability may change depending on the final contract with the tour company. Participants are expected to contribute a minimum of \$800 of personal money. Fundraising in a parish should be coordinated under the guidance of the pastor, the parish pastoral council and the property and finance committee. Your payment includes: air and ground travel and transfers, accommodation, most meals and WYD registration.

Payment deadline	Amount
April 13, 2012	\$1000
June 15, 2012	\$1000
September 15, 2012	\$1000
January 11, 2013	\$1000
March 15, 2013	Final amount

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## **Other important information**

### **Prayer, Reflection, Journaling**

This is a faith experience. The pilgrimage will be a wonderful experience if you make sure that you ask God to accompany you. You will meet interesting people, hear all kinds of languages, sing, pray, play etc. Please remember as you prepare, to include time to talk to God and know that when you do that the Spirit of the pilgrimage will come alive. You are provided with a journal and it is a good way to touch base with your own preparation. Remember too that you will share this pilgrimage with family, friends, and members of your parish community and as you ask them to include you in their prayers you can keep them in yours.

### **Pilgrimage or trip**

A tourist carries a map and a pilgrim asks for direction.... World Youth Day is a combination of adventure and exploration of different languages and cultures. World Youth Day pilgrims share that sense of excitement that comes with this but with a difference: WYD pilgrims first make room for Jesus Christ, in our hearts, heads, and lives. We share this with those around us through, song, prayer, dance, laughter, theater, reflection, and in so many other ways.

WYD is described as happening in three stages: Formation, Pilgrimage (in two parts), and Follow-up. The formation begins with your application and continues on until time of departure. The pilgrimage starts with the Days in the Diocese where we will be hosted by Brazilian families in a diocese in Brazil and continues on with main WYD days in Rio which end with a vigil and Papal Mass. The follow-up begins upon our return to PEI when we share our experiences with family, friends, and parish. We incorporate some time to visit local attractions although this is included where the WYD schedule permits.

### **Passports:**

You will need a passport. Applications are available at all Canada Post outlets. If you do not have a valid passport or if it expires prior to November 2013 please apply promptly. We absolutely cannot finalize details without your passport. We require a photocopy of your valid passport. We will be needing a travel Visa to travel to Rio.

### **Medical Insurance**

Past World Youth Days have included some health insurance as part of the registration price. We do not know if this will apply to Brazil. However you may have private health insurance as well. Please try and confirm this over the next few months as we will be asking for this information in September, 2012.

### **Physical preparation and meals**

The summers are hot in Rio. You will need to be physically prepared for this experience or your body will shut down. This means that you will need to eat regular meals and drink plenty of water. You also need to be prepared to walk approximately 10-15 km/day. If you have special dietary needs you should let us know immediately.

### **Fund-raising and your reserved space.**

We would prefer to be more flexible on the deadlines but unfortunately the Diocese has a contractual agreement with the tour operator, Tour Design. Also depending on the final number of people in our group it is not possible for us to try and track down those who do have their funds submitted by the deadlines. We are giving you the deadlines with as much anticipation as possible. Please have it in on time. The tour company has the right to sell off the space reserved if we do not send your money in on time. Once the space is gone we will not be able to get it back as there is already an extensive waiting list. Tour Design also provides extensive support for our group while we are in Brazil.

### **Patience is a virtue....**

We are starting early because we want you to get to know others in the group and to give you plenty of time to prepare and as well as to raise money. But as with any event of this size there are things that will come up. We ask for your understanding, cooperation and patience.