



World Youth Day 2019

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Pilgrim Year of Preparation

August 2018

FEATURED DATES

2 – Feast of the Virgen de los Angeles

Patron of Costa Rica.

6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

The Transfiguration is the guiding image of the World Youth Day pilgrimage, which is truly a mountaintop experience where we are transformed and inspired for mission.

[St. John Paul II issues message for WYD Cologne](#) on this day in 2004, reminding young people to spiritually prepare for the journey ahead.

8 – Feast of St. Mary MacKillop

One of the patrons of WYD Sydney (2008)

9 – Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

One of the patrons of WYD Cologne (2005)

10-15 – Anniversary WYD Czestochowa (1991)

You received a spirit of sonship. (Rom. 8:16)

10-15 – Anniversary of WYD Denver (1993)

I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10); during these days, pray for World Youth Day alumni from the United States since 1984, especially those who participated in WYD Denver.

11 – Feast of St. Philomena

Young early Christian martyr, died at age 13.

12 – United Nations International Day for Youth

Begun in 1985, the International Day for Youth celebrates the young people of the world; this movement inspired St. John Paul II to continue an annual celebration of youth and young adults in the Roman Catholic Church.

Feast of St. Isidore Bakanja

One of the patrons of WYD Rio (2013)

15 – Solemnity of the Assumption

The Blessed Mother was assumed, body and

soul, to become the Queen of Heaven

15-20 –Anniversary of WYD Santiago (1989)

I am the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:6)

15-20 –Anniversary of WYD Rome (2000)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (John 1:14)

16-21 –Anniversary of WYD Cologne (2005)

We have come to worship him. (Matt. 2:2)

16-21 –Anniversary of WYD Madrid (2011)

Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the faith. (Col. 2:7)

19-24 –Anniversary of WYD Paris (1997)

Teacher, where are you staying? Come and see. (John 1:38-39)

19-27 –[WYD Cross in the US](#)

The official World Youth Day Cross and Icon makes a multi-city tour to Chicago, New York, Miami, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C.

21 - 26 – [World Meeting of Families](#), Dublin

Pray for all families, and ask God to guide and bless the participants and their families.

23 – Feast of St. Rose of Lima

One of the patrons of WYD Rio (2013) and the upcoming WYD Panama (2019).

26 – Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa

One of the patrons of WYD Czestochowa (1991) and patroness of Poland; each year, pilgrims depart Warsaw for a nine-day, 140-mile trek to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. When he was a young student during World War II, St. John Paul II made this pilgrimage trek in secret as to avoid Nazi suspicion.

31 – Feast of St. Raymond Nonnatus

One of the patrons of WYD Rio (2013)