



World Youth Day 2019

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Pilgrim Year of Preparation September 2018

FEATURED DATES

1- World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In light of his encyclical Laudato Si, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to unite the world in caring for all forms of creation endowed by The Creator. In his letter announcing the day he says, "As Christians we wish to offer our contribution towards overcoming the ecological crisis which humanity is living through. Therefore, first of all we must draw from our rich spiritual heritage the reasons which feed our passion for the care of creation, always remembering that for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for us, 'the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us.' (ibid., 216)."

3 – Anniv. of Beatification of Bl. Laura Vicuna

One of the patrons of WYD Rio (2013)

5 – Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

One of the patrons of WYD Sydney (2008)

7 – Labor Day

Read the USCCB's Labor Day Statements on our website and learn about the dignity of working men and women. Pray for those without jobs, and pray for your own work and vocation in life.

8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrated as the birthday feast of Our Lady.

Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre

Patroness of Cuba.

9 – Feast of Blessed Maria de la Cabeza

One of the patrons of WYD Madrid (2011)

10-19 – Anniv. of St. John Paul II's 1987 USA Visit

St. John Paul II visited Miami, Columbia SC, New Orleans, San Antonio, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Monterey CA, San Francisco, and Detroit for this ten-day visit to the United States of America.

11 – Remembrance Day

We remember and pray for the victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, their families, and the conversion of heart of those who committed the attacks. Pray also for peace in our time.

12 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14 – Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

Pray for those who have carried and been inspired by the World Youth Day cross since 1984, which continues to travel from Rome through each World Youth Day host country in preparation for the international pilgrimage. One of the original WYD crosses can be found at Centro San Lorezno at the Vatican in Rome.

20 – Feast of St. Andrew Kim

First Korean-born Catholic priest and young adult martyr (died at the age of 25 in Seoul).

Catechetical Sunday

Day of prayer for catechists and teachers of the faith. Pray for those who taught you.

21 – United Nations International Day of Peace

Pray for lasting peace and global solidarity

22-27 – Anniv. of Pope Francis's 2015 USA Visit

Pope Francis visited New York City, Washington, and Philadelphia. During this visit the Holy Father celebrated the canonization of St. Junipero Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, marking the first time a saint has been canonized on U.S. soil.

29- Feasts of Sts. Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel.

Feast of the Archangels.

30 – Anniversary of St. Therese of Liseux's death

St. Therese died on this day in 1897 at age 24