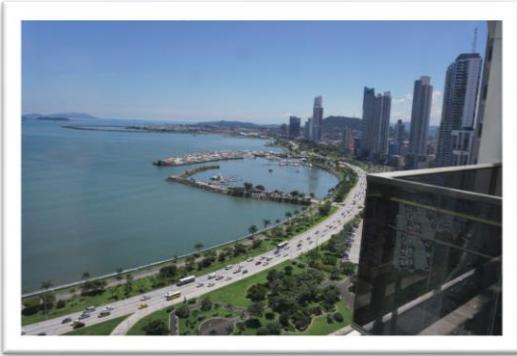


*World Youth Day 2019  
Diocese of Steubenville  
Information & Application Pack*

# What is World Youth Day?

## Why are we taking part?

World Youth Day will take place in Panama City, Panama. Our pilgrimage will run from January 20-28, 2019.



Panama City, Panama

World Youth Day (WYD) is celebrated each year. Most years, it's celebrated locally in dioceses and parishes, but every two or three years it's celebrated with a huge international festival, where millions of Catholics gather together with the Pope. Typically WYD is celebrated in July and August, however, for WYD 2019 the event will be hosted during the winter months to avoid the country's rainy season, which occurs in July and August and overlaps with the traditional dates for WYD.

The purpose of World Youth Day is threefold:

- *Putting Trust in the Young people of our Church*
- **Gathering the World's Youth Together as One**
- **Meeting the International World on a Human Level** by preventing the development of fears, and in aiding each person in finding their way and discovering hope.

The 'day' of WYD is the Sunday when the Pope celebrates Mass, but there is a week of events before that, meaning that WYD is actually well over a week for most participants.

Every big international WYD is centered around a host city, which is taken over by pilgrims!

A typical day during the week will start with 'catechesis.' Pilgrims gather in language groups for a few hours, hear some engaging speakers, sing some songs and then celebrate Mass before lunch. After that, pilgrims are free to explore the variety of festival events around the city: concerts from leading musicians, vocations events, social events, cultural events, dances, and loads more besides. Each pilgrim has a book that tells them exactly what's happening and where. There are also plenty of chances to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the week.

Towards the end of the week, the larger events start to build. On Friday everyone gathers for Stations of the Cross, led by a local Cardinal, and then on Saturday everyone makes their way to a huge field where they will sleep overnight! In the evening, there is a vigil with the Pope, followed by Mass the next day with something like ten thousand priests and two or three million pilgrims!

We are taking a group to WYD because it's a great opportunity to grow in faith. Everyone who takes part in WYD also has a great time. Many come back with their faith strengthened, and with a stronger sense of their vocation and calling in life. WYD started in 1984. The largest event was in Manila, where over five million attended the final Mass. Until Pope Francis went to the Philippines a few months ago and drew an even larger crowd, that WYD was the largest Christian gathering EVER! In 2016, Pope Francis drew three million to Campus Misericordia in Krakow, Poland.

The event to be hosted by Panama is expected to be much smaller than previous WYDs; Panama is expecting to host about 500,000 pilgrims, significantly fewer than the 2.4 million and 3.7 million pilgrims estimated to have attended WYD Krakow 2016 and Rio 2013, respectively. Although WYD 2019 in Panama is expected to be more intimate. It will be just as powerful!

The theme of WYD Panama is "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

# Anticipated Itinerary

**Saturday, Jan. 19:** Commissioning Mass for WYD pilgrims

**Sunday, Jan. 20:** Depart USA and arrive in Panama mid-late afternoon.  
Check into hotel.

**Monday, Jan. 21:** Visit Gamboa Rainforest Resort for Preparation retreat with Steve Angrisano, Also experience Panamas beauty with visits to Areal Tram, Monkey Island



**Tuesday, Jan. 22:** City tour and visit Panama Canal Miraflores Locks. Opening Mass later in the afternoon.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23:** Catechesis and WYD events

**Thursday, Jan. 24:** Catechesis in the AM and Papal arrival in the afternoon.



**Friday, Jan. 25:** Catechesis in the AM and Stations of the Cross in the afternoon

**Saturday, Jan. 26:** Depart for Vigil Site and evening Vigil with Holy Father

**Sunday, Jan. 27:** Closing Mass with Holy Father. Farwell Celebration.

**Monday, Jan. 28:** Departure to USA



# *Who can take part?*

## *What is expected of pilgrims?*

### Who can take part in World Youth Day?

The diocese of Steubenville's delegation to WYD 2019 will consist of over 12 Pilgrims including Bishop Monforton, priests, religious, seminarians, Diocesan WYD Staff, Youth Adult Pilgrims, Youth Pilgrims and Chaperones. Please read more about the various categories of Pilgrims below.

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey that parallels our journey toward our heavenly home. It is a time to leave our homes, families, and comforts to visit a sacred place. WYD 2019 will be a time of reflection and sacrifice.

Because of the physical demands of a World Youth Day pilgrimage, it is necessary that all Pilgrims be in good health. World Youth Day is a very intense pilgrimage experience and can be both physically and emotionally exhausting. Because of these conditions, it is not recommended that those with significant health problems participate. However, if someone with a disability or special need feels called to participate in WYD, the prospective Pilgrim should contact the Diocesan WYD coordinator in order to discuss his/her particular situation.

### Young Adult Pilgrims

Those pilgrims who are 18-30 years old as of January 20, 2019, AND who will have graduated high school in or before 2018, will be considered Young Adult Pilgrims. Young Adult Pilgrims CANNOT be 31 years old or older as of January 20, 2019, and still participate unless attending as a Chaperone for Youth Pilgrims. Young Adult Pilgrims will be assigned to groups of 8-12 and have 1 Check-in person per group. All Young Adult Pilgrims must go through the diocesan Safe Environment Training in order to attend.

### Youth Pilgrims

Those pilgrims who are 16-18 years old as of January 20, 2019, AND who will graduate high school in 2019 or will still be enrolled in high school in the 2019-2020 school year will be considered Youth Pilgrims. Youth pilgrims must be 16 years old by January 20, 2019 in order to participate. Youth Pilgrims must have parental consent to attend.

### Chaperones for Youth Pilgrims

Chaperones for Youth Pilgrims are required. Chaperones must be at least 25 years old or older as of January 20, 2019, and have completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Training. Parishes with individuals participating in WYD will be responsible for recruiting their own Chaperones and having them apply to be a chaperone on the trip. This will allow for a better relationship between the Youth Pilgrims and Chaperones. A recommended ratio is 1 chaperone for a group of 6 Youth Pilgrims. Youth Pilgrim groups made up of both males and females must have both a male and female chaperone.

Parishes with more Youth Pilgrims than available Chaperones may contact the Diocesan WYD Staff for assistance in finding Chaperones from other parishes.

### Choosing Chaperones for Youth Pilgrims

The Diocese of Steubenville and the parishes involved with WYD depend on Chaperones to serve as a network of support for Youth Pilgrims. It is important that Chaperones be outstanding models of virtue and joy who look forward to serving the Youth Pilgrims during this special time. Additionally, Chaperones should be constantly assessing the Youth Pilgrims in their group to be aware of any special needs. They should be comfortable talking and sharing with the Youth, and willing to pray with the pilgrims in their group. Chaperones are responsible for their Youth Pilgrims at all times, especially when traveling as a large group.

Chaperones must be leaders who will abide by the Conduct Covenant and cooperate with Diocesan WYD Staff in a spirit of good will. Chaperones will embrace the suffering and sacrifices offered by such a pilgrimage with joy and humility, encouraging Youth Pilgrims to do the same; using every experience of hardship (bad food, lack of food, lack of toilets, bad weather, missed connections, huge crowds, long lines, long flights, rude people, etc.) as an opportunity to share in the suffering of Christ.

Furthermore, all WYD chaperones must be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policies, and will be asked to confirm the date and parish of record in which his/her Safe Environment Training occurred.

## Eligibility

In order to join the Diocese of Steubenville group, you must...

- Be between 16 and 30 years of age on January 20, 2019.
- Have the consent of your parents, if you are 16-19 and still a senior in high school on that date.
- Agree to participate in the preparation, the events of the pilgrimage itself, and the follow-up, with proper respect for other participants.
- Keep up with the schedule of payments.

## How much will WYD cost?

The cost of the trip will be \$2998 which will cover everything in Panama (transport, most meals, WYD registration, accommodation, the journey to and from Panama, WYD T-shirts, a tour of the city, visit to the Panama Canal, a day in the rainforest). If you are worried about finding this much money, remember that there will be a great deal of support to help you in identifying possible sources of fundraising, as well as good ways to raise money yourself. Our intention is that nobody has to bear the entire burden by themselves.

Have a look at the 'Schedule of Payments' sheet in this pack.

## Additional costs to consider & include:

- Meals (not all meals will be included)
- Background Check
  - For Young Adults and Chaperones who have not completed the Diocesan Safe Environment requirements.
- Insurance
  - All pilgrims must have insurance commencing date of departure through to arrival back in the United States.
  - The policy must be comprehensive which means it covers medical insurance as well as general travel insurance. It is very important for pilgrims to cover themselves for pre-existing medical problems and if in doubt discuss this with the insurer.
  - It is your responsibility to arrange your own travel insurance, although our travel agent will offer an option.
- Spending money
  - You will need to determine the amount of spending money you will require. Remember to allow for additional food costs.
- Passports
  - Pilgrims must organize a current passport. The standard cost of a US passport is \$135.00 plus photos. (as of March 24, 2017)
- Vaccinations
  - Both Malaria and Yellow Fever vaccinations must be obtained by each individual prior to October 1, 2018.
- Hotel Room
  - Pilgrims are expected to attend the commissioning Mass, in Steubenville, the evening before departure. We will be flying out of Pittsburgh International Airport. If you are from another city/town in the Steubenville Diocese, you may wish to book a hotel in the Steubenville area for the night in order to be closer to the airport the following day.

## Accommodation & Transport

Accommodation will be in one of the 4 star hotels located in the downtown El Carmen district of Panama City. We will have a coach bus which will take us to and from the airport, the Rainforest resort and be available to take us on the city tour.

## Applying

To apply, please fill out the application form and return it to the address on the form together with a photograph of yourself and a \$300 non-refundable deposit. Even though applications aren't due until **March 13 2018**, since spaces are limited, we will close applications once they are filled. Any applicant who does not get a place will be placed on a waiting list.

## What's expected of participants?

Everyone who comes with the Diocese will be expected to take a full part in the program and to do their best to ensure the well-being and happiness of others on the trip. Pilgrims are expected to behave at all times in accordance with their respective Conduct Covenant. Participants are expected to receive Malaria and Yellow Fever vaccinations prior to the trip and take part in the preparation meetings for World Youth Day, although we will understand if people can't get to everything. We do ask that participants partake in a minimum of 75% of the preparation meetings.

We also expect participants to stay involved in the Church after WYD and to put into practice what they have gained from their time in Panama.

## *Information for parents...*

Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of all participants, and especially those who are under 18, for whom the diocese will take responsibility during the trip. The trip will be run in line with current legislation and safeguarding good practice, and all procedures will be overseen by the diocesan safeguarding authority.

Leaders will be contactable throughout the trip for any concerns or queries.

Parents should be aware, however, that there may be cases in which return to the US is necessary, such as bad behavior. In such cases, parents shall be responsible for arranging return travel.

Parents must be contactable throughout the trip. If you are planning on going on vacation or otherwise being uncontactable, you are required to designate another responsible adult as a point of contact in case of emergency.

We will ensure that parents are contacted in the case of any emergency or incident, and we will also ensure that parents are able to easily contact leaders.

The diocesan group will attend all major WYD events as a group. However, the organizers also provide many optional activities that participants may choose to attend. Therefore, parents should be aware that participants will not be under direct supervision at all times. There will be no unaccompanied travelling and leaders will manage all such excursions, authorizing them beforehand and checking participants on return. Any questions or concerns may be raised with pilgrimage organizers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

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(740) 282-3631 ext 151  
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# Conduct Covenant

World Youth Day (WYD) is an opportunity for young adults from around the world to draw strength and support from each other in living out their Christian lives. The theme of WYD 2019 is "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38)

We are called to be witnesses of Christ and to take Him as our model for Christian living. With this in mind, the guidelines that can be found on the following pages will enable us to enter into the spirit of WYD safely and responsibly.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage Organizers ask that you read your respective Conduct Covenant carefully and by signing your application form you will be agreeing to abide by the following code for the duration of the WYD pilgrimage.

## Schedule of Payments...

Since the Diocese is responsible for the up front costs for WYD, we are asking participants to keep to a schedule of payments. Without this, the trip will not be viable.

The cost for each participant on this pilgrimage will be \$2998 to help cover costs associated with the trip including airfare, lodging, meals, transportation in Panama, and World Youth Day registration fees. A payment of \$200.00 will be required to acknowledge acceptance of your spot, upon the approval of your application.

The total cost of \$2998, which will be broken down as follows:

Payment	Running Total	Date Due
\$300	\$300	Upon Application
\$200	\$500	Upon Acceptance
\$550	\$1050	April 30
\$550	\$1600	May 30
\$550	\$2150	June 30
\$550	\$2700	July 30
\$298	\$2998	August 30

Participants are of course free to pay more quickly than the schedule. Should an individual fall 2 payments behind schedule they shall lose their spot on the pilgrimage. Additionally, if pilgrims are unable to meet the deadlines set forth for form submissions this could result in a loss of their spot as well.

Thank you for your interest in joining the Diocese of Steubenville Pilgrimage to World Youth Day from January 20-28, 2019 in Panama City, Panama, for young people aged 16-30. Attached are a few documents for you to fill out and send back to us as part of your application. The following is a checklist of all the necessary documents that need to be completed.

- ☐ Pilgrim application form completed and signed by you
- ☐ \$300 Non-refundable deposit (if the applicant is not accepted as a pilgrim, this deposit will be refunded.)
- ☐ Personal reference form completed and signed by a **personal reference** of your choice (cannot be an immediate family member)

- ☐ Faith reference form completed and signed by your **Parish Priest, Group/Movement Leader, Religion Teacher or Principal.**

Send your completed forms to us in one of two ways

- ☐ Mail them to Diocese of Steubenville Attn: WYD 422 Washington St., PO Box 969, Steubenville, OH 43952
- ☐ Scan and email to [aradford@diosteub.org](mailto:aradford@diosteub.org)

Once we receive your forms we will review your application and take it to prayer. Once this process has been completed, you will be notified of our decision. If you have been accepted to attend WYD 2019 you will receive information about paying your acknowledgement of acceptance deposit.

If you're not already connected into a faith community, now would be a good time to find a Parish, Group or Movement to connect into. This could be your local Parish, university chaplaincy group, youth or young adults group etc. This connection will be vital for you sustaining your faith after World Youth Day. We are asking that each pilgrim is committed to some sort of ministry within a faith community for at least 6 months after World Youth Day. Please note that the mandatory pilgrim formation sessions will commence in late January next year, and run monthly until the pilgrimage. These dates will be finalized soon.

Please understand that this is an application and not a guarantee of attendance. You will be notified by **March 30, 2018** of your attendance status. If selected to attend, you will be given additional information at that time. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact:

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All the best with your applications. God Bless!

# WYD 2019 INDIVIDUAL MINOR CONDUCT COVENANT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a youth participant (16 years old — a senior graduating in 2019) in the Steubenville Diocesan World Youth Day pilgrimage to Panama City, Panama. This covenant is in effect from the moment I arrive at Pittsburgh International Airport until clearing customs at Pittsburgh International Airport at the end of the pilgrimage.

**As a pilgrim of World Youth Day, I will be expected to:**

## **Responsibilities and Participation** (Pilgrims, please initial next to each bullet in this section)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Be a disciple who models their life after the life of Christ*, as expressed in the virtues of love, charity, and concern for all people!
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Be aware and promote individual and group safety at all times. **This is extremely important and cannot be stressed enough.*** Be sensitive to heat related headaches and dehydration symptoms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Participate fully in all planned activities, group sessions and programs.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Wear my WYD Credentials and keep a copy of the first page of my passport with me at all times.*  
Credentials are necessary to be admitted to all WYD events, meals, and for use of public transportation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Walk 5-15 miles per day, stand or sit for considerable amounts of time, possibly be tired, and continue through unpredictable weather.* These are not valid reasons for not participating, and require flexibility and endurance on the part of all Pilgrims.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Drink plenty of water, get plenty of rest, and make sure to eat all meals.* This will allow you to fully participate and keep up with the physical demands of the pilgrimage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Not go somewhere alone without another Youth Pilgrim and/or Chaperone.* Individuals are not permitted to go off on their own.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Not leave my group without first consulting with and getting permission from my group leader.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Respect my group leader, as well as, the other adults and pilgrims on this trip.* As a pilgrim you represent your parish/school youth program, the Diocese of Steubenville, as well as our country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Report any illness or injury to my Chaperone.*

## **Housing**

- ♦ *Respect facilities at the lodging site(s).* Room occupants are responsible for the condition of their room. Damage to the building, furniture or equipment as well as all fees charged to individuals' rooms for telephone, internet, food or any other services or products will be charged to those responsible.
- ♦ *Observe the lights-out time, 11:45pm.* Rest is important in order to safely and fully enjoy World Youth Day. Also, other pilgrims may require more sleep than you. It is the responsibility of the group leader to make sure all youth and young adults are in their assigned sleeping rooms at the required time and to enforce the lights out rule.
  - *No visitors from other groups or the opposite sex are allowed in your sleeping room.*
  - *No loud disruptive behavior*
  - *Socializing should take place only in the public areas.*
- ♦ *Observe Curfew, 11:00 pm through 6:30 am.* Pilgrims must be in their respective sleeping areas by curfew time. Only the Group Leader, in communication with Diocesan WYD leaders, may alter curfew to facilitate travel, evening prayer or group debriefing.
  - Noise level in sleeping areas should be kept at a minimum.
  - No phone use during curfew.
- ♦ *Respect each other's privacy.* No males will be allowed in females' sleeping rooms and no females will be allowed in the males' sleeping rooms for any reason.

## **Electronics and Weapons**

- ♦ *Leave all "valuables" and personal electronics at home.* Personal gaming devices, iPods, etc. are not welcomed at World Youth Day. This is a pilgrimage for meeting and talking with people, not isolating oneself. Cell phones will be allowed but should not be used during group activities (with the exception of the camera feature). We encourage minimal use of cell phones and encourage pilgrims to check with their carriers regarding international use of their phones. The diocese will not be responsible for loss or damage to any personal property, including cameras and cell phones.
  - *Cellphones may not be used, with the exception of the camera feature, unless otherwise specified.*
- ♦ *Not possess weapons of any kind.*

## **Behavior, Language and Dress**

- ◆ *Speak and behave in a way that exemplifies Christian values.*
- ◆ *Respect the rights and property of others.*
- ◆ *Be courteous and respectful at all times whether dealing with a new experience, varied hospitality situation, unfamiliar people or places, or any other aspect of the pilgrimage.*
- ◆ *Dress in a fashion that represents modesty, respecting other Pilgrims, and our Lord, for all activities.*
  - Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs.
- ◆ *Wear my WYD T-shirt when required.*
- ◆ *Refrain from telling/being involved in jokes or pranks about bombs, terrorism, or lasers. Any participant attempting such pranks will be held accountable by law enforcement agencies.*
- ◆ *Refrain from inappropriate language, behavior and/or sexual behavior, be it implied, consensual or verbal.*

## **Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking**

- ◆ *Refrain from smoking during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage. If this places an undue burden on a person, then it is expected that adults will use discretion out of sight of youth pilgrims. There will be no use of tobacco by anyone when the group is gathered as a whole.*
- ◆ *Refrain from purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs **at any time** during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage. (This applies to minors as well as all group leaders, adults, and young adults).*
- ◆ *Refrain from giving, lending or selling tobacco products to minors.*

***Purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage is prohibited. Anybody found to be purchasing or consuming alcohol or purchasing or using illegal drugs shall be sent home immediately at their own expense and any remaining pilgrimage forfeited.***

## **Insubordination**

- ◆ *Follow the direction of the Diocesan WYD Staff and Travel Guides.*
  - Any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will not be tolerated and will be subject to appropriate discipline.

### **MY PROMISE:**

I freely execute this Acknowledgement with full knowledge of its content. I promise to live by these guidelines and expectations in my attitude and my actions. I will also encourage other participants to live with this promise. I understand that if I choose by my attitude or by my actions to not live up to these expectations, I will face consequences, which may include being asked to return home at my own expense. No refunds will be given for any unused portion of the pilgrimage.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age (at date of departure) \_\_\_\_\_

As Parent or legal guardian I remain fully responsible for any legal/financial responsibility which may result from any personal actions taken by the named participant including any violation of this

Parent/ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# WYD 2019 INDIVIDUAL YOUNG ADULT CONDUCT COVENANT

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**As a young adult participant at World Youth Day, I will be expected to:**

## **Responsibilities and Participation** (Pilgrims, please initial next to each bullet in this section)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Be a Minister of Christ to all.* As a Christian adult, I exemplify through my actions **exactly** the attitude which I expect from young people. I will exhibit an exciting energy and smile!
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ Groups must communicate their plans during all Group leaders meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Support one another and the youth.* As a young adult on World Youth Day you will be interacting with other adults and youth 24 hours a day. If you witness a youth acting inappropriately, please do your best to diffuse the situation and then notify the pilgrim's group leader or diocesan staff member immediately to handle any disciplinary actions. You are not to handle disciplinary actions yourself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Be aware and promote individual and group safety at all times.* **This is extremely important and cannot be stressed enough.** Be sensitive to heat related headaches and dehydration symptoms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *For your protection and the safety of young people, you should never be alone (one-on-one) with a minor.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Participate fully in all planned activities, group sessions and programs.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Wear my WYD Credentials and keep a copy of the first page of my passport with me at all times.* Credentials are necessary to be admitted to all WYD events, meals, and for use of public transportation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Walk 5-15 miles per day, stand or sit for considerable amounts of time, possibly be tired, and continue through unpredictable weather.* These are not valid reasons for not participating, and require flexibility and endurance on the part of all Pilgrims.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Drink plenty of water, get plenty of rest, and make sure to eat all meals.* This will allow you to fully participate and keep up with the physical demands of the pilgrimage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Not go somewhere alone without another Young Adult Pilgrim and/or Chaperone.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Not leave my group without first consulting with and getting permission from my group leader.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Keep my group leader informed of my whereabouts.* Young adults are not permitted to upgrade their flights or hotel rooms. Individuals are not permitted to go off on their own.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Report any illness or injury to my Chaperone/ check-in person.*

## **Housing**

- ♦ *Respect facilities at the lodging site(s).* Room occupants are responsible for the condition of their room. Damage to the building, furniture or equipment as well as all fees charged to individuals' rooms for telephone, internet, food or any other services or products will be charged to those responsible.
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  - *Socializing should take place only in the public areas.*
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regarding international use of their phones. The diocese will not be responsible for loss or damage to any personal property, including cameras and cell phones.

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- ◆ *Not possess weapons of any kind.*

### **Behavior, Language and Dress**

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- ◆ *Respect the rights and property of others.*
- ◆ *Be courteous and respectful at all times whether dealing with a new experience, varied hospitality situation, unfamiliar people or places, or any other aspect of the pilgrimage.*
- ◆ *Dress in a fashion that represents modesty, respecting other Pilgrims, and our Lord.*
- *Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs.*
- ◆ *Wear my WYD T-shirt when required.*
- ◆ *Refrain from telling/being involved in jokes or pranks about bombs, terrorism, or lasers. Any participant attempting such pranks will be held accountable by law enforcement agencies.*
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### **Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking**

- ◆ *Refrain from smoking during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage. If this places an undue burden on a person, then it is expected that adults will use discretion out of sight of youth pilgrims. There will be no use of tobacco by anyone when the group is gathered as a whole.*
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### **Insubordination**

- ◆ *Follow the direction of the Diocesan WYD Staff and Travel Guides.*
- ◆ *Comply that any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will not be tolerated and will be subject to appropriate discipline.*
- ◆ *Be the first and primary method of dealing with discipline problems.*

### **MY PROMISE:**

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Signature of Participant

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Date

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Age (at date of departure)

# WYD 2019 INDIVIDUAL ADULT CONDUCT COVENANT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an adult participant (25 yrs. and older) in the Steubenville Diocesan World Youth Day pilgrimage to Panama City, Panama. This covenant is in effect from the moment I arrive at Pittsburgh International Airport until clearing customs at Pittsburgh International Airport at the end of the pilgrimage.

**As an adult participant at World Youth Day, I will be expected to:**

## **Responsibilities and Participation** (Pilgrims, please initial next to each bullet in this section)

- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Be a Minister of Christ to all.* As a Christian adult, I exemplify through my actions **exactly** the attitude which I expect from young people. I will exhibit an exciting energy and smile!
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Watch over all minors (17 yrs. & under) at all times.* Adults are not permitted to upgrade their flights or hotel rooms. Young adults should keep their group leaders informed of their whereabouts. Group leaders / adult chaperones need to remain available and ready to serve. Individuals are not permitted to go off on their own. Groups must communicate their plans during all Group leaders meetings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Support one another and the youth.* As an adult on World Youth Day you will be interacting with other adults and youth 24 hours a day. You may be called upon to handle some situations during the week, some of which may require disciplinary action. If this is the case, please notify the pilgrim's stakeholder or diocesan staff member immediately.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Be aware and promote individual and group safety at all times. **This is extremely important and cannot be stressed enough.*** Be sensitive to heat related headaches and dehydration symptoms.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *For your protection and the safety of young people, you should never be alone (one-on-one) with a minor.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Participate fully in all planned activities, group sessions and programs.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Wear my WYD Credentials and keep a copy of the first page of my passport with me at all times.* Credentials are necessary to be admitted to all WYD events, meals, and for use of public transportation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Walk 5-15 miles per day, stand or sit for considerable amounts of time, possibly be tired, and continue through unpredictable weather.* These are not valid reasons for not participating, and require flexibility and endurance on the part of all Pilgrims.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Drink plenty of water, get plenty of rest, and make sure to eat all meals.* This will allow you to fully participate and keep up with the physical demands of the pilgrimage.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Do my best to ensure that teens are staying hydrated and getting rest and nutrients.* This is especially important since Youth Pilgrims have a tendency not to eat as much while on pilgrimage because the food is not what they are used to.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Make sure a Youth Pilgrim does not go somewhere alone without another Youth Pilgrim and/or Chaperone.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Not leave my group without first consulting with and getting permission from Diocesan WYD Staff.*

## **Housing**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Ensure that no youth or young adult pilgrim is in the hotel room of a member of the opposite sex, unless a group meeting supervised by a chaperone is occurring there.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Ensure hotel room doors remain open during free time when rooms are occupied.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Work together with the Diocesan WYD Staff to make hotel room assignments.* Once room assignments are communicated to the hotel, they cannot be changed. All Pilgrims are expected to sleep in their assigned room.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Respect facilities at the lodging site(s).* Room occupants are responsible for the condition of their room. Damage to the building, furniture or equipment as well as all fees charged to individuals' rooms for telephone, internet, food or any other services or products will be charged to those responsible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Observe and enforce the lights-out time, 11:45pm.* Rest is important in order to safely and fully enjoy World Youth Day. Also, other pilgrims may require more sleep than you. It is the responsibility of the group leader to make sure all youth and young adults are in their assigned sleeping rooms at the required time and to enforce the lights out rule.
- *No visitors from other groups or the opposite sex are allowed in your sleeping room.*
  - *No loud disruptive behavior*
  - *Socializing should take place only in the public areas.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ ♦ *Observe Curfew, 11:00 pm through 6:30 am.* Pilgrims must be in their respective sleeping areas by curfew time. Only the Group Leader, in communication with Diocesan WYD leaders, may alter curfew to facilitate travel, evening prayer or group debriefing.
  - *Noise level in sleeping areas should be kept at a minimum.*
  - *No phone use during curfew.*

- ◆ *Make sure Youth/Young Adults do not leave the accommodation site unless they are with a chaperone.*
- ◆ *Respect each other's privacy.* No males will be allowed in females' sleeping rooms and no females will be allowed in the males' sleeping rooms for any reason.
- ◆ *Manage disagreements that impose on an individual's or group's comfort.* I will make the necessary resolutions and/or notify the Diocesan WYD Staff should a resolution need to be made.

### **Electronics and Weapons**

- ◆ *Leave all "valuables" and personal electronics at home.* Personal gaming devices, iPods, etc. are not welcomed at World Youth Day. This is a pilgrimage for meeting and talking with people, not isolating oneself. Cell phones will be allowed but should not be used during group activities (with the exception of the camera feature). We encourage minimal use of cell phones and encourage pilgrims to check with their carriers regarding international use of their phones. The diocese will not be responsible for loss or damage to any personal property, including cameras and cell phones.
- ◆ *Enforce the no cellphones rule, with the exception of the camera feature, unless otherwise it is during a specified time of use.*
- ◆ *Not possess weapons of any kind.*

### **Behavior, Language and Dress**

- ◆ *Speak and behave in a way that exemplifies Christian values.*
- ◆ *Respect the rights and property of others.*
- ◆ *Be courteous and respectful at all times whether dealing with a new experience, varied hospitality situation, unfamiliar people or places, or any other aspect of the pilgrimage.*
- ◆ *Dress in a fashion that represents modesty, respecting other Pilgrims, and our Lord.*
  - *Clothing must cover all undergarments and midriffs.*
- ◆ *Wear my WYD T-shirt when required.*
- ◆ *Communicate the above expectations to the youth before the pilgrimage and enforce the expectations for behavior, language, and dress when necessary during the pilgrimage.*
- ◆ *Refrain from telling/being involved in jokes or pranks about bombs, terrorism, or lasers. Any participant attempting such pranks will be held accountable by law enforcement agencies.*
- ◆ *Refrain from inappropriate language, behavior and/or sexual behavior, be it implied, consensual or verbal.*

### **Alcohol, Drugs, and Smoking**

- ◆ *Refrain from smoking during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage.* If this places an undue burden on a person, then it is expected that adults will use discretion out of sight of youth pilgrims. There will be no use of tobacco by anyone when the group is gathered as a whole.
- ◆ *Refrain from purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs **at any time** during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage. (This applies to minors as well as all group leaders, adults, and young adults).*
- ◆ *Refrain from giving, lending or selling tobacco products to minors.*

***Purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time during the entire World Youth Day pilgrimage is prohibited. Anybody found to be purchasing or consuming alcohol or purchasing or using illegal drugs shall be sent home immediately at their own expense and any remaining pilgrimage forfeited.***

### **Insubordination**

- ◆ *Follow the direction of the Diocesan WYD Staff and Travel Guides.*
- ◆ *Comply that any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will not be tolerated and will be subject to appropriate discipline.*
- ◆ *Be the first and primary method of dealing with discipline problems*

#### **MY PROMISE:**

I freely execute this Acknowledgement with full knowledge of its content. I promise to live by these guidelines and expectations in my attitude and my actions. I will also encourage other participants to live with this promise. I understand that if I choose by my attitude or by my actions to not live up to these expectations, I will face consequences, which may include being asked to return home at my own expense. No refunds will be given for any unused portion of the pilgrimage.

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Signature of Participant

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Date

