

"Take courage! I have overcome the world."

(Jn 16:33)

What is World Youth Day (WYD)?

World Youth Day (WYD) is a global festival of Catholic youth that began in 1985 upon the proposal of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Held every three to four years in a city chosen by the Pope, WYD invites young people from all over the world to a specific region, offering them a unique opportunity to gather. The event brings together the Pope, bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and youth, alongside various international Catholic organizations, for a large-scale celebration of the Catholic faith. Through WYD, young believers worldwide reflect on the teachings of Jesus Christ and profess a united faith. Beyond nationalities and races, they share communion, discuss the challenges facing the younger generation, pray together, and build hope for a better world.



Why Do We Gather? (Four Core Purposes of WYD)

World Youth Day (WYD) is not merely an event or tourism, but holds the following profound meanings:

Festival of Encounter

World Youth Day (WYD) is not merely an event, but a festival of encounter. Young people meet one another, connect with the Church and the Pope, and above all, encounter God in joy. These encounters manifest the universality of the Catholic Church and the spirit of synodality, enabling the miracle of social communion in pursuit of the common good.

Pastoral Journey

From a pastoral perspective, World Youth Day (WYD) is not an isolated event, but a journey closely connected with the entire youth ministry of local churches. Through WYD, young people experience the Church's care and accompaniment, while the Church shares in their joys and hopes, as well as their struggles and griefs.

Pilgrimage

It is not merely tourism or a gathering, but an opportunity for young people to experience inner conversion and a renewal of faith, embarking on a journey alongside the Cross of Christ.

Mission

World Youth Day (WYD) is not exclusive to Catholics, but a celebration open to everyone beyond religion and generations. Not only those who attend in person, but also those who watch from afar encounter Christ living within young people and experience their passion to renew the Church and the world. Therefore, WYD serves as a powerful missionary engine for the entire Church, offering a unique opportunity that invites the younger generation to realize and fulfill their mission of sharing the Gospel with the world.



"We joyfully invite young pilgrims from all over the world to the Diocese of Chuncheon!"

What will you experience during the Days in the Diocese (DID)
in the Diocese of Chuncheon?

Prior to the main event in Seoul, pilgrims will spend a special 5-day, 4-night period in the Diocese of Chuncheon from July 29 to August 2, 2027.

As a diocese bearing the pain of national division, the Days in the Diocese (DID) in the Diocese of Chuncheon is a pilgrimage journey of hope for peace and reconciliation, offering a deep experience of connection with God, humanity, and all of creation. Pilgrims will also meet faith communities living alongside the local church, experiencing the joy of welcoming one another and becoming one in the Gospel.

Unity

It is a journey where young people from different cultures, languages, and backgrounds form a single community in Christ. Through welcome, active listening, and fellowship, we experience that we are all part of the one People of God.

Praise

It is a journey of discovering and giving thanks for God's presence within Creation. Surrounded by the beautiful natural scenery of the Diocese of Chuncheon, pilgrims praise the Creator and practice ecological conversion to restore a harmonious relationship with all creation.



Peace

It is a journey beyond division and conflict toward reconciliation and unity. In the Diocese of Chuncheon, which carries the pain of national division, we pray for peace on the Korean Peninsula and reconciliation throughout the world, contemplating the peace of Christ.

Faith

Faith is the empowering force behind this entire journey. Through the Word, the Sacraments, prayer, and community, young people encounter God deeply and mature into disciples who actively live out the Gospel.

The WYD journey in the Diocese of Chuncheon can be defined as "a pilgrimage to unite in the Word, praise the Lord through Creation, and mature in faith as peacemakers." Through this journey, young people will grow into witnesses of hope and spread the joy of the Gospel to both the Church and the world.

Schedule

Day 1 (July 29) – Day of Unity: Welcome & Encounter

Day 2 (July 30) – Day of Peace & Praise: Deanery Events

Day 3 (July 31) – Day of Faith: Diocesan Events

Day 4 (August 1) – Day of Community: Parish Events

Day 5 (August 2) – Day of Mission: Farewell & Sending Forth



Meaning of Homestay

Homestay is a pastoral activity where the parish community welcomes international pilgrims together, experiencing both the domestic Church and the Universal Church. Through this, it aims to renew the faith of the family and foster the vitality of the parish community.

"A woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home."
(Luke 10:38)

Inviting Jesus

As the Scripture says, "For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20), welcoming pilgrims is welcoming Jesus Himself.

Application Link (Registration Fee: \$100)

<https://tinyurl.com/TVKCCDID>

Once you submit your application, we will sequentially provide you with various details necessary for your preparation, including information on Days in the Diocese (DID) programs, transportation, assembly parishes, and homestays.

On this journey toward World Youth Day Seoul 2027, we look forward to meeting our international communities in the Diocese of Chuncheon, praying together, and sharing a time of grace as we become one in faith.



Sponsorship Information for WYD

Join us in supporting World Youth Day Seoul 2027—a blessed gathering where young people from around the world come together as one.

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