



Diocese of Rapid City  
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
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January 15, 2010

Dear World Youth Day Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in World Youth Day Madrid, Spain, occurring August 9-22, 2011. I can assure you from personal experience that this will be an unforgettable event in your life. You meet new people, you experience the Church from all over the world, and you are able to celebrate Mass in the presence of the Pope. It is a tremendous event. I wish you luck as you begin the application process.

Before you begin the application process there are a few things that you should know:

- World Youth Day is fun, but sometimes physically demanding. We will spend most of our days walking. You need to be prepared to walk several miles everyday, and in order to demonstrate your ability to do this, you will be required to attend two World Youth Day pre-pilgrimage walks, the details of which can be found in the application.

-It is likely that we will be sleeping in a combination of hotels/convents/host homes and not have easy access to daily comforts of American living like air conditioning, coffee/pop, fast food, electricity, tv, & bathrooms. We will be spending at least one night outside. You will need to be able to carry everything that you will need in one backpack for the entire pilgrimage.

-The estimated cost is \$3795. Plan now to participate in parish fundraising efforts to help defray costs. We have space for 40 pilgrims.

-The Church directs her youth ministry towards those between the ages of 18 and 35. If you are not or will not be within that age range on August 9, 2011 your application will not meet the criteria for consideration.

-Priority will be given to first time attendees. If space allows, those who have attended 3 or more times will be able to attend.

Once again, thank you for your interest in this pilgrimage.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mark McCormick  
WYD Team Leader

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## Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage - Application August 9-22, 2011

- 1) Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **Circle the World Youth Day's you have attended in the past:**  
None Denver Paris Rome Manila Toronto Cologne Sydney
- 3) **Circle the youth retreats/events/programs you participate(d) in:**  
Youth group Lifeteen Edge Confirmation Class NCYC TEC High School Rally  
Middle School Rally Totus Tuus Vocational Discernment Weekends FOCUS Activities  
Newman Center Activities Parish Adult Education Programs Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **My Mass attendance is: (circle all that apply):**  
Daily Weekly Sporadic Seldom Never
- 5) **Which of the following devotions are you familiar? (circle all that apply)**  
Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Liturgy of the Hours  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) **Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration \_\_\_\_\_**  
  
Circle if this applies: I don't have a passport
- 7) **Submit a legible copy of your passport to the Diocese.**  
(If you do not have a passport, apply for one as soon as possible at your local Post Office)
- 8) **I agree to attend two of the three following pre-pilgrimage gatherings.** I agree that I will be able to walk in our group, in appropriate walking shoes, 3-4 miles per day with or without a 20lb backpack, and walk 10 miles with a full pack the last day of the pilgrimage. I understand I will be asked to join another pilgrimage better suited to my needs if I am unable to complete the walks. **Circle- YES**  
  
**Circle either Rapid City or Ft. Pierre.**  
  
2 miles- Rapid City in August 2010 **OR** 4 miles in Ft. Pierre in June 2011  
  
*Mandatory for all - 6 miles- Spearfish in July 2011*
- 9) **I agree to sleep outdoors for the final Papal Mass, rain or shine.** I agree with a positive attitude and spirit of adventure, to go without air conditioning in the peak heat of August, use portable restrooms, eat package meals with foods I may not usually eat & go without showering. **Circle- YES**

- 10) **Submit one essay of two to three pages with one inch margins, double spaced, in 12pt Times New Roman font**, that address the following questions:

The word “pilgrim” comes from the Latin “peregrinus,” meaning “foreigner” or “stranger,” and in the deepest sense, that is what we are as Christians, strangers in this world. Our true home is not here, but in the Heavenly Jerusalem. Our whole life is a journey to that eternal dwelling place with God. In that journey to our heavenly homeland, we often make smaller journeys, or “pilgrimages”- that is, journeys made to sacred places for the purposes of veneration, adoration, and conversion; we go to ask help from God or to thank Him; we go to ask intercession from the Saints, to fulfill a vow, or to make penance. World Youth Day is just such a pilgrimage made with our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. As you consider this pilgrimage, please write a short essay, answering the following questions:

- What are your hopes for growing in a relationship with God on this pilgrimage?
- What challenges do you expect to face in your pilgrimage?
- Why do you want to undertake this pilgrimage?

- 11) **Submit a letter of recommendation from your pastor** to the Youth Office regarding your maturity, team ethic, and spiritual readiness to attend Worth Youth Day.

- 12) **Return the Medical Permission Form, Liability Waiver, Permission to Photograph, Code of Conduct, and Cancellation Policy** to the Diocese.

- 13) **Return the Illume Registration Application at [www.travelillumetrc/rcv](http://www.travelillumetrc/rcv).**

- 14) **Submit your non-refundable deposit of \$250**, payable to the Diocese of Rapid City.

- 15) **I understand that I will receive acknowledgment of the receipt of my application materials.**

An acceptance or regret letter will be mailed to me within 4 weeks of my submission of my completed application from the Diocesan Youth Office. I also understand, at the time of my acceptance, I will receive further detailed payment instructions from the Youth Office and/or the tour company Illume.

- 16) **I agree to submit payments on time according to the following schedule.** I understand that I can submit additional payments & pay the cost in full if I choose to. I understand the package price can change and I will be notified as soon as this happens.

**\$250 deposit application beginning Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**\$700 payment by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**\$700 payment by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**\$700 payment by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

**\$700 payment by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**\$745 final payment by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 for a total of \$3,795**

- 17) **Signature of participant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2011

## Medical Permission Form, Liability Waiver, Permission to Photograph, Code of Conduct and Cancellation Policy

**Instructions:** Read and complete this waiver carefully. Leave no spaces blank. This copy must be signed or you will not be permitted to travel. Please keep a copy of this signed waiver at home. By signing this waiver, you agree that you may be giving up legal rights and remedies available to you and your parent(s).

Full Name(Print Clearly)\_\_\_\_\_ Parish\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)\_\_\_\_\_ Age as of August 9,2011\_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Carrier\_\_\_\_\_ Policy #\_\_\_\_\_

Group #\_\_\_\_\_ Allergies\_\_\_\_\_

Dr.'s Name\_\_\_\_\_ Medications/Medical Conditions\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt (circle one)- Men's Cut-** S- M-Lg-XL- XXL **or Women's Cut-**(loose fit) -S-M-LG-XL-XXL

**Roommate Preference(s)**\_\_\_\_\_

**Nature of Risks:** I understand that travel to and from Spain may involve certain risks beyond the reasonable control of the Diocese of Rapid City, Illume, World Youth Day and their respective officers, directors, volunteers and agents, and chaperones or representatives associated with the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage, including but not limited to accidents, emergencies, exposure to reckless conduct of persons, and/or negligence of World Youth Day security and medical personnel, and the Diocese of Rapid City and Illume et al. disclaim any and all responsibility for any such risks.

**Medical Permission for Participant:** I hereby grant permission in the event of an emergency or accident for emergency medical care to be administered to myself during the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage and/or during or after transportation to a hospital or doctor for emergency medical care.

**Waiver of Liability/Hold Harmless:** By signing this liability waiver, I agree and acknowledge that I may be giving up important legal rights and remedies available to myself, my family, my heirs, successors, and assigns. I agree that if I have an illness or behavioral infraction requiring dismissal from the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage, or there is an accident or emergency requiring my dismissal from the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage or if the same said pilgrimage must be discontinued in event of accident or emergency, I will be sent home at my expense, with no right of reimbursement or refund for any amount in connection with the Diocese of Rapid City, Illume, World Youth Day et al.

**Code of Conduct:** It is expected that youth and adults will follow directions of all the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage respective officers, directors, volunteers and agents, and chaperones or representatives associated therein. Males and females are not allowed in the same

sleeping area. Cell phones, ipods, and other distracting technology are not allowed. The use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol or items that endanger people are prohibited. Language and behavior should exemplify Christian values. Respect the rights and property of others. Theft and vandalism will not be tolerated. Clothing must be modest. Any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will not be tolerated and will be subject to possible removal and barring from the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Parents will be informed of such infraction(s). The participant will be flown home at the participant's expense with no reimbursement or refund.

**Photograph permission:** I give my permission to be photographed by Illume, and/or the West River Catholic and /or the Diocese of Rapid City. These photos will be use for promotional materials or publications including printed materials or website. \_\_\_ Check here if your do not want to be photographed.

**Cost:** \$3795\*. The deposit of \$250, with this form and application are accepted beginning January 15, 2010. Cost includes travel insurance. Registration and event information are at [www.travelillume.com/trc/rcy](http://www.travelillume.com/trc/rcy) or [www.rapidcitydiocese.org](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org) \*Estimate.

**Cancellation Policy:** Illume is the official tour operator for the Diocese of Rapid City World Youth Day pilgrimage, their cancellation policy is at [www.travelillume.com/trc/rcy](http://www.travelillume.com/trc/rcy) . The deposit is non-refundable once you are accepted to the pilgrimage. I accept and acknowledge the cancellation penalties that may occur if I cancel my participation in this program. **I am responsible for reading and understanding the complete Illume policy.**

**I fully understand the consequences of and sign this Registration Form, including Medical Permission, Liability Waiver, Permission to Photograph, and Code of Conduct and Cancellation Policy knowingly, freely, and willingly.**

Signature of Participant:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Gaurdian:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**Send your non-refundable deposit, payable to the Diocese of Rapid City, of \$250 with this form & all other application requirements to:**  
Diocese of Rapid City, attn: World Youth Day  
PO Box 678, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Upon acceptance, payment instructions will be mailed to you.

**For more information:** Provatia Potvin, 343-3541, [ppotvin@diorc.org](mailto:ppotvin@diorc.org)