

Pilgrimage Information

World Youth Day 2016 KRAKOW, POLAND



PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART



World Youth Day 2016
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
2405 Navigation Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77003

JULY 15 - AUGUST 5, 2016

**\$ 3500 (including taxes)
Initial Deposit of \$ 500 Immediately**

Contact: Bro. Andy Gancarczyk SCJ, AGancarczyk@olghouston.org, 713-222-0203

**Pope Francis is calling all youth around the world to join him in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day 2016!
Come be a part of this amazing pilgrimage as you celebrate with Catholics from every nation to worship our Lord!**

What is World Youth Day?

Starting in 1985 in Rome by Pope John Paul II, the Holy Father has invited youth and young adults to gather periodically with him across the world in an epic event known as World Youth Day. Though the title indicates a "day," it is really a week long life changing experience of the diversity and richness of the Catholic Church. (www.worldyouthday.com)

The Priests of the Sacred Heart will be forming a pilgrimage, along with millions of other Catholics from around the world, to the place where Saint Pope John Paul II spent much of his life.

The official website for WYD Krakow has been released (www.krakow2016.com/en)

Who can attend?

All pilgrims must be over the age of 18 at the time of departure: July 15, 2016. The pilgrimage is for young adults.

For the purpose of this pilgrimage, we are defining young adults generally between 18-29 years old. Graduated from high school on or before the spring/summer of 2015.

How do I register and when is the deadline?

Visit Parish Office to take and make your application and other pertinent information. An initial deposit of \$500 and signed contract is required to secure a spot on the pilgrimage. Space is limited and can be closed off without prior notification, after slots are filled we cannot guarantee there will be availability to join the pilgrimage. All pilgrims must have obtained or at least begun the application process for a passport.

Payment Schedule	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$500 Immediately
Second Payment	\$500 September 15, 2015
Third Payment	\$700 November 15, 2015
Fourth Payment	\$700 January 15, 2016
Final Payment	Balance March 15, 2016

How do I get my Passport and Visa (if required)?

All US Citizens must have a valid Passport for travel abroad. Passport must be valid over six months following the date of your return to the United States. The cost for obtaining a passport is roughly \$135 and takes approximately 4-6 weeks to issue.

The State Department has more information on how to apply for or renew a passport (<http://travel.state.gov/passport>).

You can also apply for your passport at your local Post Office. Poland does not require US citizens to have a Visa. Policies change if you are in the country for more than 90 days which will not affect us.

What about travel in Poland and safety concerns?

Safety is obviously a concern whenever one travels abroad. July is the summer season in Poland and the temperatures can range from mid fifties at night to almost 80 during the day. Warsaw, Krakow, Czestochowa, Wieliczka, Zakopane are ones of the predominant tourist locations in Poland and therefore has many support facilities. The official language of Poland is Polish, although you will find English, German and French spoken to some degree in popular tourist areas. The currency in Poland is the Zloty. Current exchange rates can be found here: <http://data.worldbank.org/country/poland>

Our SCJ delegation is focused on the safety of all the pilgrims involved with the group. We want everyone to have a grace-filled pilgrimage and return home safely. Because of the valid concerns regarding a pilgrimage to any foreign country, we will be focused on group activities and traveling as a group as much as possible.

What will be the total cost of the pilgrimage?

The package includes air travel, ground transportation, lodging, meals, WYD registration fees (up to \$300), every trips, tickets, drinks, guide assistance, t-shirt. Not included: Passport fees, expences, gratuities, excess baggage and insurance. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

Pilgrims are encouraged to bring spending money in addition to the cost of the pilgrimage. Parishes and individuals can organize fundraising efforts to cover most or all of the cost. Priests of the Sacred Heart will help with fundraising ideas and support.

Where will I be staying?

We have three places where we will to stay: In Warsaw, at the Provincial House of the Piests of the Sacred Heart or potentially in the Pilgrim House, In Stadniki - The SCJ Major Seminary and in the SCJ vacation house in Zakopane. From these places will be organized trips to the planned sites.

How do I pay?

Pilgrims can pay by cash or credit card in the parish Office - 2405 Navigation Blvd, Houston

Questions?

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Itinerary: 22 days, July 15, 2016 - August 5, 2016

Final details on the itinerary are not yet finalized. As plans are finalized, a firmer itinerary will be issued, but generally one can plan to be on pilgrimage from July 15 – Aug 5, 2016.

Itinerary

Day #	Event	Date
1	We gather at the airport to board our overnight flight to Poland. Suggested flight pattern with Lufthansa or United Airlines: Houston - Munich - Warsaw. (Meals will be served inflight).	Friday, July 15,
2	Warsaw, Accommodation in the SCJ Provincial House - acclimatization.	Saturday, July 16,
3	Sunday Mass, Lunch, Afternoon Old City tour - acclimatization.	Sunday, July 17,
4	The Warsaw Uprising Museum, The Shrine the martyrdom of Fr. George Popieluszko.	Monday, July 18,
5	Day trip to Jasna Gora, the monastery that is home to the Black Madonna icon, lunch in restaurant.	Tuesday, July 19,
6	Travel by train from Warsaw to Krakow, visit the city and Royal Castle, transfer to Stadniki.	Wednesday, July 20
7-10	Stadniki, SCJ Major Seminary - World Dehonian Youth Meeting Program.	July 21-24
11	Krakow - Day trip to the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, walking tour of the Old City.	Monday, July 25
12	WYD Opening Mass and activities.	Tuesday, July 26
13	Catechesis and WYD Activities, sessions in the morning and festival event in the evening.	Wednesday, July 27
14	Catechesis sessions in the morning. Arrival and welcom of the Holy Father.	Thursday, July 28
15	WYD Activities. In the evening we will take part in the Station of the Cross. The sessions will take place in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers of Krakow.	Friday, July 29
16	WYD Activities, evening Vigil and Eucharistic adoration with the Holy Father, Overnight vigil.	Saturday, July 30
17	Closing Mass and concluding event. Culmination of WYD 2016, evening campfire.	Sunday, July 31
18	Day trip - Auschwitz, the German concentration camp where millions lost their lives, including St. Maximilian Kolbe and Edith Stein. In afternoon we visit Wadowice, birthplace of St. John Paul II, transfer to Zakopane - the high mountain tourist centre.	Monday, August 1
19	Zakopane - Polish Mountain Culture, traditional cuisine - day of rest.	Tuesday, August 2
20	Daily mountain hiking by John Paul II trails.	Wednesday, August 3
21	Transfer to the Airport Krakow Balice. Depart to USA. (Krakow - Munich - Houston)	Thursday, August 4
22	Arrival in Houston	Friday, August 5

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Flight details:

Lufthansa 441 / 15JUL	Houston - Frankfurt	3.50 PM - 8.40 AM
Lufthansa1348/ 16JUL	Frankfurt - Warsaw	11.35 AM - 1.10 PM
Lufthansa1371/ 05AUG	Krakow - Frankfurt	6.30 AM - 8.10 AM
Lufthansa 440 / 05AUG	Frankfurt - Houston	10.00 AM - 1.45 PM

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6	The Warsaw Uprising Museum, Travel from Warsaw to Lublin.	Wednesday, July 20
7-9	World Dehonian Youth Meeting Program - Lublin, Stadniki.	July 21-31
10	Travel from Lublin to Krakow - accomodation: Kwapinka near Stadniki - Firestation's Hostel	Sunday, July 24
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Young Adult Covenant



Basic Role of Young Adult Pilgrims

This travel depends on the cooperation of all pilgrims to help serve as a network of support for all pilgrims in the SCJ delegation. It is important that young adult pilgrims be an example of obedience and cooperation with the following policies and with the pilgrimage leaders for one another and for the youth in the SCJ delegation.

Because of the physical demands of a World Youth Day pilgrimage it is necessary that 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. Young adult pilgrims are considered part of the SCJ delegation to World Youth Day and are ultimately responsible for themselves and their actions. However, they should note all pilgrims in the SCJ delegation represent the Priests of the Sacred Heart and the parish from which they come. All pilgrims are expected to participate actively in the events of World Youth Day to the extent they are able. They should feel comfortable talking and sharing with the youth and other adults in the SCJ delegation.

Young adult pilgrims are strongly encouraged to participate in all large group activities.

Responsibilities of a Young Adult Pilgrim

While ultimately responsible for oneself and one's actions, a young adult pilgrim's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

SHOW LOVE AND RESPECT FOR GOD:

- Pray daily for self and others.
- Participate in opportunities to receive the Sacraments.
- Participate in the sessions, activities, and prayer experiences.
- Be open, flexible, and have a servant's attitude.
- Represent God in your words and actions.

SHOW LOVE AND RESPECT FOR SELF:

- Remember that you are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Present yourself accordingly.
- Dress with modesty. Bare mid-drifts, spaghetti straps, short-shorts, low cut tops, or guys without shirts are not modest dress.
- 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.

SHOW LOVE AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS:

- All words and actions should be those of Christ to build up others and not injure.
- Make sure that your actions during the activities do not distract others from hearing, seeing, or praying.
- Fully participate in scheduled events during the pilgrimage.
- Be safe. At no time should a pilgrim go somewhere alone without one or two others.
- Observe an atmosphere of quiet and respect during evening hours when other people are sleeping.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Any damages caused by the pilgrim will be charged to the pilgrim.
- The legal drinking age in Poland is 18. All laws of the city/country which we are in concerning alcohol, tobacco, and drug use will be observed and enforced.
- It is expected that all pilgrims will follow the direction of the group leader and travel guides.
- It is not expected that young adult pilgrims will be responsible for any youth in our delegation.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above policies and principles.

I understand that any violation of the above principles may result in dismissal from the SCJ World Youth Day Pilgrimage and forfeiture of all payments.

Printed name of Young Adult: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___

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Full legal name: _____

As it appears on your Passport. At time of travel, you must have a Passport that expires anytime after February 6, 2017

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell phone:** _____

Parish: _____

Male: **Female:**

T-shirt size: Small Medium Large XLarge XXLLarge

Date of birth: / /

All pilgrims must be over the age of 18 at the time of departure: July 15, 2016

Yes, definitely arrange for the WYD 2016 Krakow Pilgrimage.

It is understood my account is to be paid in full by March 15, 2016.

The \$500 deposit (each) is attached to confirm participation and as a credit to the total cost of the pilgrimage.

Signature: _____

Date:

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Medical Information and Release Form

All information is kept private and confidential



Name of Pilgrim: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

In many cases, our staff and volunteers are not familiar with the medical, physical, and/or emotional history of each pilgrim. Please share **ANY** information relating to the pilgrim in detail. **BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE.**

Is the pilgrim allergic to anything?

YES NO

List any details of allergies below (this may include food allergies, allergies to specific medications or chemicals, allergies to any substances):

Is the pilgrim currently taking or has taken any prescription medication in the last 6 months?

YES NO

List the specific prescription medications, reasons for medication, and daily dosage. Indicate if the medication is currently being administered.

Does the pilgrim have any physical or emotional conditions?

YES NO

List any physical or emotional conditions that may impede participation in the event. This may include counseling, treatment for emotional conditions (i.e. depression, eating disorders), and/or family situations that may have a significant impact on the pilgrim.

Lactose intolerance

Direct effects of foods and additives

Food avoidance

Please indicate any dietary restrictions:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact name

Phone

e-mail

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy in the name of

Policy Number

Authorized Physician

Physician's Phone

Insurance Company

I need Travel Insurance Yes No

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Youth Signature

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Parent Signature