

WYD PILGRIM PROFILE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SPIRIT OF WYD

WYD IS A PILGRIMAGE AND NOT A VACATION!

“A pilgrimage is a journey a pilgrim makes to a sacred place for the purpose of venerating it or to ask for heavenly aid, and ultimately to come to know God better... We modern pilgrims also leave our homes, families and comforts in order to journey to sacred places to encounter God.”

Reference : wyd.com

WORLD YOUTH DAY IS A CALL TO MISSION!

“It was wonderful to take part in World Youth Day, to live the faith together with young people from the four corners of the earth, but now you must go, now you must pass on this experience to others. Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission!” - Pope Francis

Pope Francis’ words help us to see the pilgrim spirit that transcends WYD. A pilgrim must be disposed to initiation and implication in his/her Catholic faith, and involvement in his/her Christian community before, during, and after the pilgrimage.

PILGRIM CRITERIA

- BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- Become involved in preparing the pilgrimage, accompaniment, fundraising, meetings, etc.
- Be in good physical, mental, emotional, psychological, and spiritual health. (Take into account that you will sleep on the ground, walk long distances, experience time shifts, potentially experience extreme weather conditions, and endure hardships and must do so with restraint, simplicity and joy.)
- Be part of a group, and respect the directives given by another adult who will be responsible for the group
- Remain with the group at all times during the pilgrimage.

AGE: 18 YEARS OLD

The Mission Jeunesse-Youth Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of Montreal has chosen to respect and follow the guideline given by the CCCB: “In preparation for World Youth Day (WYD) 2019, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) wishes to remind WYD organizers that the recommended minimum age for Canadian youth participants in the Panama event is 18 years old, as was established for previous WYD celebrations in recent years. ... The minimum age of 18 is to assist diocesan and eparchial delegations and other groups in ensuring the supervision and safety of youth participants. <http://bit.ly/2BGfa8K> www.cccb.ca

APTITUDES & QUALITIES

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| ▪ Spirit of unity | ▪ Joyful | ▪ Active presence |
| ▪ Patience | ▪ Independent | ▪ Spirit of humility, faith and service |
| ▪ Openness to others | ▪ Mature | ▪ Good listener |

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in my own group’s meetings and activities
- Participate in diocesan activities
- Complete my own registration form & submit it with required payments, respecting diocesan time limits.
- Be responsible for ensuring my own mental, physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual preparation
- Be aware that during the pilgrimage they are responsible for their pastoral conduct as a disciple, just as they are for their legal conduct as a citizen. They represent themselves, their families, their communities, their Church and their country.
- Participate in fundraising activities organized by the group

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Each pilgrim as well as each young adult leader is expected to respect all rules set forth by the international WYD organization as well as the country in which it will be held. The appropriate attitude of respect begins right at the start of the pilgrimage preparation. Any participant who jeopardizes or puts the group in danger will not be permitted to participate in the pilgrimage. It is therefore imperative that each pilgrim be aware of and put into practice, certain disciplinary rules to assure proper order, from the beginning as well as during WYD in the host country:

Extreme, disturbing or violent behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at any time.

We reserve the right to refuse or expel any candidate if there is any lapse in acceptable behavior, based on the rules laid out in the code of conduct or the law as described below:

- ⇒ If he/she is a suspect or found guilty of any legal infraction.
- ⇒ If he/she commits any major offense (consumption of illegal drugs, consumption of alcohol, aggression, theft, grievous disturbance, as well as any criminal activity).
- ⇒ For minor infractions, expulsion will occur following warning number 3 (Minor infractions include: Not respecting the directives of the international WYD organization, partial or total absence from WYD activities, language or behaviour that negatively affects the positive experience of the pilgrimage, lack of collaboration by the pilgrim, etc.)

In case of expulsion, the pilgrim will be sent back to Montreal immediately, at his/her own costs. If the pilgrim being expelled is a minor or a pilgrim with special needs his/her legal tutor or assistant will also be sent back to Montreal at their own costs.

Know that the law will be applied rigorously throughout our pilgrimage, and so pilgrims are encouraged to respect the rules and directives.

**FOR PILGRIMS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS*

- Pilgrims with special needs have the responsibility to find their own care-taker and to be sure that this person is capable of accompanying them in the context of WYD. Please note that at WYD, it is not unusual for pilgrims to be separated for accommodations according to their gender. It is therefore strongly recommended that care-takers be of the same gender as the pilgrims with special needs that they are accompanying. *It is the responsibility of each group to accept, or not, the pilgrims and their care-takers in their group. Youth Ministry will not be providing care-takers for pilgrims with special needs.*
- A pilgrim with special needs is responsible for providing the necessary resources to address those needs (medications, food, wheel chair, special bed, etc.) They are also responsible for additional luggage costs.

***FOR PILGRIMS WHO ARE NOT CANADIAN CITIZENS*

The pilgrim who is not a Canadian citizen must have all necessary travel documents. The pilgrim must take the necessary steps to obtain these documents as well as travel VISAs. Pilgrims must ensure the validity of his/her registration for this International World Youth Day.

Necessary Travel documentation are not the responsibility of the group leader or Mission Jeunesse.