



Youth Ministry E-bulletin June 2011



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Greetings to everyone from the Archdiocesan Youth Office

We are now well into the Easter season and hopefully still experiencing the joy, hope and peace of the Risen Christ in our lives.

This year June is a very special month in the Church year as we celebrate 4 great Solemnities, the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven on the 2nd, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles that first Pentecost on the 12th, the Holy Trinity on the 19th and Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, on the 26th. May we receive every grace and blessing as we participate in these liturgies and reflect on their meaning.

The group travelling to Madrid from 14-23 August for World Youth Day is now established. We have 52 pilgrims from across the Archdiocese, 19 from St Giles Deanery, 17 from St Margaret's & St Andrew's, 9 from St Cuthbert's, 4 from St Mungo's & St Ninian's and 3 from St David's. Please continue to pray for these pilgrims as they prepare for the trip and for the success of the whole WYD experience. Watch out for the various fundraising initiatives and events and support them if you can. If you are a Spanish speaker or citizen, your talents would be most welcome and valuable.

Contact anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk

I hope that those of you who have had exams will have great success and I wish you every fulfillment in your future life path.

A happy and restful Summer to one and all. Enjoy your holiday wherever it takes you....

God bless,
Anne.

Youth Ministry Training Course: 2011 - 2014

20 spaces are available for this course, last date for applications is the 30th June 2011

For more information or an application pack contact anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk





“Dear friends, do not be afraid to build on the rock!” – Pope Benedict XVI



**World Youth Day 2011
Madrid, Spain
14th - 23rd August**



52 young people and adults, including Fr Anthony Caruana, the Archdiocesan Youth Chaplain, will travel to Madrid by ferry (Plymouth to Santander) on Sunday 14th and return (via Santander to Portsmouth) on Tuesday 23rd for the 26th World Youth Day. The momentum is gathering and we are preparing both spiritually and in practical ways for the experience. A number of fundraising events have taken place and are being planned. Please watch out for them and offer your help and support if you can. The group travelling will be representing all of us and the Archdiocese as a whole. We can be part of it too by our prayers and involvement in the preparations.



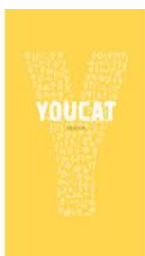
WYD Weblinks

<http://www.madridwyd2011.com>

www.vatican.va/gmg/documents/

<http://www.youtube.com/user/2011madrid#p/u/7/NihhkHlokR0>

<http://www.travelinginspain.com>



YOUCAT – The Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (Launched in time for WYD)

This is the recommended reading for young people and will be included in the pilgrims packs for WYD. It is an easy-to-read guide to the faith, written, designed and prepared to suit young people and adults of the internet generation is now available to buy (£9.95) from CTS Publishers. To learn more or to order a copy go to www.cts-online.org.uk or [facebook.com/CTSpublishers](https://www.facebook.com/CTSpublishers)

*‘Study this Catechism! That is my heartfelt desire.....Study this Catechism with passion and perseverance.’
Pope Benedict, from the Foreward to YOUCAT*



See you there

Feast of CORPUS CHRISTI – WYD Youth Mass and Procession – Sun 26th June 2011, 11.00am

Our Lady & St Andrew, Market St, Galashiels TD1 1BY

All young people and their families welcome to take part. Please bring along some food and join in the picnic afterwards.

SPANISH STEPS — WORLD YOUTH DAY SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE – Wed 15th June 2011, 10.30–3.30 pm

Gillis Centre, Edinburgh – Cost £5

For S5 students from our Secondary Schools, WYD pilgrims and anyone else who is interested.

A unique opportunity to get to know about the lives of, and experience the Spirituality of, 2 inspiring Spanish Saints, Ignatius of Loyola and Teresa of Avila and how they can help us in our lives and faith journey today. The speakers will include Sr Marie Helen & Sr Johanna McLeod (Carmelites) and Fr Peter Scally (Jesuit). The afternoon will end with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Registration is necessary for this event, please contact Yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk to register. [Click here for an application form.](#)

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION and TASTING by renowned Edinburgh chef Paul Rogerson in aid of World Youth Day – Wed 29th June 2011, 6.30–9.30 pm. Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. Cost £8



NEW DAWN in SCOTLAND Family Conference 2011

Including New Dawn Youth Festival, with events and activities for children and young people of all ages, 2 to 21+

4th–8th July 2011— Madras College, St Andrews

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The Ministry of Seekers is an international group of people in their twenties and thirties, living in Edinburgh. Together they explore their Catholic faith through prayer, discussions and fellowship. They meet regularly every **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at St. Patricks Church, 5 South Gray's Close, Cowgate at 5.45pm following the 4.30pm Mass.** They also meet socially on other occasions to build and develop a dynamic young adult community.

The next meetings are

12th June: Labyrinth Meditations

24th-26th June: Weekend Retreat

10th July: Icon Creation

24th July: BBQ & Ultimate Frisbee

[Click here](#) to read more about what's going on.



**MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER
FOR THE 48th WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
15 MAY 2011 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Theme: "Proposing Vocations in the Local Church"**



The work of carefully encouraging and supporting vocations finds a radiant source of inspiration in those places in the Gospel where Jesus calls his disciples to follow him and trains them with love and care. We should pay close attention to the way that Jesus called his closest associates to proclaim the Kingdom of God (cf. *Lk* 10:9). In the first place, it is clear that the first thing he did was to pray for them: before calling them, Jesus spent the night alone in prayer, listening to the will of the Father (cf. *Lk* 6:12).....

It is a challenging and uplifting invitation that Jesus addresses to those to whom he says: "Follow me!". He invites them to become his friends, to listen attentively to his word and to live with him. He teaches them complete commitment to God and to the extension of his kingdom in accordance with the law of the Gospel: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (*Jn* 12:24). He invites them to leave behind their own narrow agenda and their notions of self-fulfillment in order to immerse themselves in another will, the will of God, and to be guided by it.

It is no less challenging to follow Christ today. It means learning to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, growing close to him, listening to his word and encountering him in the sacraments; it means learning to conform our will to his....

The Lord does not fail to call people at every stage of life to share in his mission and to serve the Church in the ordained ministry and in the consecrated life.

Particularly in these times, when the voice of the Lord seems to be drowned out by "other voices" and his invitation to follow him by the gift of one's own life may seem too difficult, every Christian community, every member of the Church, needs consciously to feel responsibility for promoting vocations

".....people will always have need of God, even in an age marked by technical mastery of the world and globalization: they will always need the God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ, the God who gathers us together in the universal Church in order to learn with him and through him life's true meaning and in order to uphold and apply the standards of true humanity" (*Letter to Seminarians*, 18 October 2010).

It is essential that every local Church become more sensitive and attentive to the pastoral care of vocations, helping children and young people in particular at every level of family, parish and associations – as Jesus did with his disciples - to grow into a genuine and affectionate friendship with the Lord....since it is only in being open to the love of God that we discover true joy and the fulfillment of our aspirations.



Seminarians at the Pontifical Scots College in Rome.