

World Youth Day 08 - What an Experience!

Did it make you proud to be Catholic? What you ask? The phenomenon which was *World Youth Day 08*, of course!

The scenes of thousands of people of all ages conducting themselves with courtesy, joy and peace, unashamedly celebrating their faith in God and proclaiming it to the world gave those of us, who might have sometimes thought we were in the minority, a wonderful boost of confidence.

Days in the Diocese brought profound experiences and graces to all those who made contact with or hosted joy filled young people from around the world. Over 4400 pilgrims from 35 countries stayed in 89 host communities from around the Archdiocese with a total of 2090 host families.

The Heart of the City was a massive event with over 6000 pilgrims filling the Cathedrals of Brisbane and making a pilgrimage walk through the city to Roma Street Parklands. An estimated 15,000–20,000 people attend the Heart of the City festival celebrating and singing the joys of being a catholic, whether young or a little older.

Approximately 2900 pilgrims from the Archdiocese made the journey to Sydney to be a part of the global celebrations of *World Youth Day 2008*. All have been jumping out of their skins to tell others how fantastic it all was.

Yes, indeed, the Holy Spirit did come upon us! Now the task is to harness that energy into making sure that we continue to be 'witnesses throughout the world'. How is your parish planning to do this? Judging by the number of requests to this team to visit parishes and assist them to plan some strategies to keep young people connected, many of you are addressing that question.



The WYD Secretariat hosted a final training day on Saturday 23 August to reflect upon the experiences of World Youth Day and to look at 'Where to now?' 200 people attended the day which consisted of formation and workshops for ongoing ministry with young people presented by the Archdiocesan Commission for Ministry with Young People, Youth and Children's Ministry team and the WYD Secretariat.

A further follow-up event is being held on October 11 at QPAC. (see page 3 for details).

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who was involved in helping make WYD08 a fantastic event. Let us pray that the ripple effect from this effort will be felt for years to come and that parishes will build on the excitement and passion which now fills the hearts and minds of so many people.

youth & children's ministry training day

The inaugural YCM Training Day scheduled for 21st February, 2009 is one way that this team is encouraging people across all ministries with children and young people to come together to share wisdom, to learn new skills, to be nourished spiritually and equipped for mission.

Archbishop Bathersby will begin the Training Day by addressing the plenary on *Jesus Communion Mission*. From there participants are invited to participate in a series of workshop streams with 28 different workshop options.

The YCM website for further details (www.ycm.org.au)

at a glance...

- RENEW Conference
- NEW Family Prayer Time
- Certificate III in Christian Ministry

Children's Ministry

Whew! Wow! Applause! Ooh! Aah!
Advance Australia Fair! Come Holy Spirit!

Our very own Catholic Church Olympics (yes, we are referring to World Youth Day 08) has been and gone, but the effects, we hope, will continue to ripple through our church and renew both the young and the young at heart for many years to come.



KidsGames which was held in the week prior to Days in the Diocese and World Youth Day resulted in 2,200 children participating across 24 venues throughout Brisbane. Why not consider running KidsGames in your local area next year, not only for the State School children but also for the children involved in your current or previous parish sacramental programs? We're here to help!

Whilst the end of the state school religious education year is months away yet, it is time to get organised for 2009, as the dynamic duo of Robyn Payens and Robynne Turner from Rochedale are doing. They are visiting churches in their region, showing the recruitment DVD *Take up the Challenge* and inviting new people to come along to find out about the state school ministry (see calendar). If this inspires you to do likewise, contact Carole for a copy of the DVD or obtain one at the RENEW conference being held on Friday 17th October.



Yes! The RENEW Conference is back and is called *Dealing with the tough Stuff!* Features include international storyteller and a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, Pam Faro, 11 elective workshops, morning tea, lunch and resource displays, as well as a chance to catch up with your friendly RENEW team, Jon Sargeant, Paul Yarrow, Wes Fittell, Terry Williams, Rina Wintour and Carole Danby. It will also be an opportunity to talk to the curriculum providers from *CRE*, *Connect* and *Scripture Plus*.

Where? Broadwater Road Uniting Church. **When?** Friday 17th October, 2008. Contact us for a brochure if you have not yet received one, place it on the 'Sign-on' book at your school, get a group together to be eligible for the group discount, ask your church to sponsor your team and join us for a fabulous day!

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Planning for the inaugural YCM Training Day on 21st February, 2009 is well under way, Archbishop Bathersby has been invited, an exciting program is being finalised and the venue, Australian Catholic University Banyo Campus has been generously provided. So look out for the poster and information brochure which will be sent out in our final newsletter for 2008 and mark the date in your diary now.

Did you use the marvellous (though we say so ourselves) new resource *Family Prayer Time: Lent to Easter Year A* book (\$5) and CD (\$10) during Lent this year for your personal prayer, reflection on the Gospel stories or meditation? If not, why not? If so, we are pleased to announce that *Family Prayer Time: Lent to Easter Year B* is now available at the same prices and would be most suitable as a gift to yourself for personal prayer, to give to family members, to give to children and families preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion and Penance and to give to families preparing for Baptism.



A similar prayer resource, called *Praying Together* will be available by the end of the year. This resource focuses on Scripture stories related to the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance.



End-of-year Gathering
We invite you to gather again on Wednesday 26th November from 10am until 1pm for a meeting and lunch in the CWL meeting room, Catholic Centre, Edward Street, Brisbane. We will take this opportunity to review the year, plan for the next and share lunch. We will also have available for display and discussion, some of our new resources. *RSVP* Carole (33369161) or Rina (3336 9162) by Friday 21st November.



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Youth Ministry



After two years of planning, the events of World Youth Day 2008 have drawn to a close.

It is often difficult to describe what World Youth Day will be like, or the possibilities that it brings, to those who have not attended such an event before. Now in the aftermath of this event the opportunities and potential of WYD08 are vying for our attention.

Over the past 6 weeks Youth and Children's Ministry has been working tirelessly to connect with and support parishes to build upon the energy and excitement of WYD08. Over the coming months we aim to visit every deanery within the Archdiocese and promote ways of building on WYD08 and offer training and support to do so.

Things you can do now to build upon WYD08:

- Gather those who went to WYD08 in Sydney to debrief the experience and look at what they would like to be involved in now.
- Thank those families who hosted pilgrims from overseas. Think of ways that these families can be invited to be involved in other ministries.
- Host a 'thank you' celebration bringing together photos, flags and things you collected and swapped at WYD, to share stories and moments of graces you experienced during WYD08.
- Invite a group of adults and young people fired up from WYD08 to form a youth ministry team to plan and organise other activities for young people in your community.

Certificate III in Christian Ministry

YCM will be facilitating a Certificate III in Christian Ministry from October 2008 until May 2009. The Course consists of eight face to face day learn about ministry in the church and has a specific formation for working with young people.

The Certificate is presented by the Institute of Faith Education and will cost \$260. For dates of the face to face days and an outline of the program, visit www.ycm.org.au

Divine Conversations

Over the coming months YCM will be developing a resource designed to teach young people different prayer styles. The resource, called *Divine Conversations*, will outline six different types of prayer that young people will be able to pick up and use at any time of the year. It will be designed for use by parish groups and schools to assist young people with their prayer life and in turn their relationship with God.

Divine Conversations will be available in late 2008 in a CD ROM format. This format allows for printed copies to be made of the prayers and instructions for use by groups can be printed as required. Call the YCM office to order your copy early ready for the new year.



2009 Youth Ministry Resource Manual

Have you ever wished you had a whole year of youth ministry activities at your finger tips? Or that you had a calendar of key Church dates as well as secular dates in the one that you could use to plan your activities around?

Well in late 2008, the **2009 Youth Ministry Resource Manual** will be available to assist you get ready for 2009.

The *YM Resource Manual 2009* will give you ideas to plan a comprehensive youth ministry events calendar with a mixture social, formation and justice events, as well as ideas for retreats. The resource manual will give you and your ministry a variety of activities to develop a vibrant, lively and engaging ministry with young people.

Call the YCM office to order your copy early ready for the new year.

WYD 2008

Upcoming World Youth Day Events

BE MY WITNESSES

post WYD festival event

October 11th

3pm-6pm

Concert Hall QPAC

Cost: \$6.50

For information visit
www.wydbrisbane.org.au

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Calendar

To RSVP for any calendar events, please contact the number given or YCM on 3336 9168

Oct 9th Children's Liturgy of the Word workshop: Advent
Time: 7.30–9.00pm
Venue: Kedron Parish Hall
Cost: \$10 per person/ \$50 max per parish
Register: YCM 3336 9168

Oct 10th *Come and See* Session for new SSRE recruits
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Venue: Rochedale Baptist Church, Rochedale
Contact: Carole ph 33369161 0400332928

Oct 11th Cert III in Christian Ministry - Day 1
Time: 8:30pm-1pm
Venue: Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, Rosalie
Register: www.ycm.org.au

Oct 11th Be My Witnesses (Post WYD Event)
Time: 3pm-6pm
Venue: Concert Hall, QPAC, Southbank
Cost: \$6.50
Register: check out www.wydbrisbane.org.au for details

Oct 17th RENEW Conference
Time: 8:30am-2:45pm
Venue: Broadwater Rd Uniting Church, Mansfield
Cost: \$38 byo lunch or \$45 with Lunch
Register: online at www.ycm.org.au/renew
or contact YCM on 3336 9168

Oct 19th Pam Faro - Guest Preacher
Time: 9am Service
Venue: Broadwater Road Uniting Church, Mansfield

Oct 20th Pam Faro - Everyone's a Storyteller
Time: 10am-12 noon
Venue: Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Kenmore
Cost: \$10 per person
RSVP: Carole on 3336 9161 or Ruth 3202 8740

Oct 20th Pam Faro - Everyone's a Storyteller
Time: 7.15pm-9:30pm
Venue: St Williams Catholic Church, Grovely
RSVP: Sue Ph 3851 2010 or Rosemary Ph 3351 6601

Oct 25th Cert III in Christian Ministry - Day 2
Time: 9pm-3pm
Venue: Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, Rosalie

Oct 24th-26th Network of Biblical Storyteller's Gathering
Venue: Lake Dewar Lodge, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria
Cost: \$275 (by Sept 8th) and \$295 (by Oct 16th)
RSVP: Contact Carole for a brochure

Nov 15th Cert III in Christian Ministry - Day 3
Time: 9pm-3pm
Venue: TBA

Nov 21-23 ACBC National Youth Leaders Gathering

Nov 26th RE Teachers' End of Year Function
CWL Coffee Shop Meeting Room
Catholic Centre
10am–12 noon followed by lunch (provided)
RSVP: Carole (3336 9161) or Rina (3336 9162)

Dec 13th Cert III in Christian Ministry - Day 4
Time: 9pm-3pm
Venue: Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, Rosalie

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Jan 17th Cert III in Christian Ministry - Day 5
Time: 9pm-3pm
Venue: Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, Rosalie

Feb 21st YCM Training Day
Time: 8:30am-4:30pm
Venue: Australian Catholic University, Banyo Campus
Cost: \$25 (lunch included)
Register: online at www.ycm.org.au (from October)
or contact YCM on 3336 9168

Youth and Children's Ministry invites you to...

A Showcase of New Resources for 2009

Southside

Tuesday 11th November
9.30am – 11.30am (includes morning tea)
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall
25 Main Avenue, BULIMBA

Northside

Wednesday 19th November
9.30am – 11.30am (includes morning tea)
St Therese & St Anthony Parish Hall
66 Turner Road, KEDRON

These workshops and resources are for:

Parish Priests Parish Pastoral Associates
Campus Ministers Youth Ministry Teams
Classroom teachers Sacramental Teams
Children's Liturgy of the Word teams

During this time YCM will showcase:

Praying Together for Family Sacramental Preparation
Family Prayer Time, Lent to Easter: Year B
Lent to Pentecost Children's Liturgy of the Word
Lent to Pentecost Classroom Activities
Lent to Pentecost Meditations for children
Divine Conversations Prayer resource (CD rom) for
Young People
2009 Youth Ministry Resource Manual

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Biblical Storyteller

Pam Faro

is coming!

Biblical storyteller Pam Faro is coming to Australia in October and Brisbane is hosting her for a week from 15th to 21st October. See calendar for details!



If you would like to host a workshop in your community
or attend a Biblical Storytelling workshop,
contact Carole Danby on 3336 9161