



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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November 7, 2002

Dear Sir or Madame:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the diocesan pilgrimage to the 2005 World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. Enclosed you will find a brochure detailing the travel arrangements for the pilgrimage and a frequently-asked-questions (faq) sheet. Please carefully review these materials.

World Youth Day is more than an opportunity to visit another country as a tourist. World Youth Day participants are pilgrims, on a journey towards God, accompanied and illumined by Christ, celebrating their faith with the Holy Father and one another. This is the motivation for young people from around the world to make the pilgrimage to World Youth Day.

The fee for the travel arrangements includes airfare, motorcoach travel, hotel accommodations, daily continental breakfast, and eight dinners. We will also benefit from having local guides direct us throughout our tour of Italy and Germany and facilitate our participation in the World Youth Day activities. The fee does not include World Youth Day registration, Vatican and USCCB solidarity fees, or tips to drivers and guides. **In order to cover these and other expenses, participants are required to pay an additional \$300.** (This figure is based on fees for WYD 2000 and 2002, and could increase for WYD 2005.) For some meals not included in the plan and for personal purchases, pilgrims should plan on bringing additional funds. Groups of 15 or more may qualify for a special discount.

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Limited spaces are available. Please return your coupon or your group's completed coupons along with the appropriate deposit amount as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will contact you and begin your payment schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanking you again, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Mark Butler
Director

Diocese of Columbus
Presents
World Youth Day Cologne, Germany
With The Holy Father
August 8-22, 2005



Tour Visits: Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Venice,
Oberammergau, Heidelberg,
Cologne and much more!

COST PER PERSON:

Triple \$2830.00 Twin \$3150.00

Single \$3675.00

Tour includes:



- ❖ Round trip air from Columbus to Rome and from Cologne, Frankfurt or Brussels to Columbus.
- ❖ First class and superior tourist class hotels.
- ❖ Meals as listed in the itinerary: CB= continental breakfast daily / 8 dinners = D
- ❖ English speaking professional tour manager from arrival in Rome until departure from Cologne
- ❖ Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach travel from Rome to Cologne
- ❖ Round trip transfers from airport to hotel
- ❖ Hotel tip and taxes
- ❖ All entrance fees per itinerary
- ❖ Local guides in Rome, Assisi, Florence and Venice
- ❖ Rhine River Cruise
- ❖ Neck wallet and document holder
- ❖ ITC Tours command center in Cologne during WYD
- ❖ Trip cancellation insurance

Not included

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| ○ WYD and solidarity fees | ○ Increase on air fares and taxes |
| ○ Passport fee | ○ Tips to escort and driver |
| ○ Personal expenses | ○ Any cost not specifically mentioned as being included |

ITINERARY

Day 1 Aug. 8, Monday Columbus to Rome

Depart Columbus for our flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast served in flight.

Day 2 Aug. 9 Tuesday Rome

Upon arrival at the Rome airport, we will meet our tour escort and transfer to our hotel. Evening Rome by night tour. During the driving tour we pass by: Piazza San Bernardo, Moses's Fountain, Piazza Della Repubblica, with Naiadi's Fountain, Via Veneto, Borghese Gardens, Pizzale Flaminio, Piazza Del Popolo, Via Quattro Fontane, Piazza Venezia, Capitoline Hill, Coliseum, Palatine Hill, Circus Maximus and a stop at the Trevi Fountain. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 3 Aug. 10 Wednesday Rome

This morning will be an audience with the Holy Father (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Afternoon tour the Basilicas of St. Peter's & St. Mary Major. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (CB,D)

Day 4 Aug. 11 Thursday Rome – Assisi – Florence

Depart Rome for Assisi Via Umbria, one of the most picturesque regions of Italy, rich in vineyards, olive trees and famous hilltop villages. The route is dotted with charming medieval towns such as Spoleto (famous for its Festival dei Due Mondi), Trevi, Foligno, Spello and most famous of all, Assisi. The mystical town of Saint Francis, still surrounded by ancient walls, is spread on the green slopes of Mount Subasio with its colorful houses of pink stone, narrow streets and flower decked balconies, noble palaces; all provide beautiful views for memorable pictures. An interesting visit to the Church of St. Mary of Angels and St. Francis' Basilica with its early renaissance masterpieces of Giotto and Cimabue. Enjoy browsing in the old town, shopping in the little stores and in the artisans' shops. Late afternoon depart for Florence area. Dinner at your hotel. (CB,D)

Day 5 Aug. 12 Friday Florence – Padua – Venice

Morning tour of Florence to include; Galleria Dell' Accademia with its original Statue of David, The Third Pieta and The Prisons by Michelangelo. We then proceed to the Cathedral St. Maria Del Fiore, with its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, the Bapistery, where we find The Golden Bronze Doors of Ghiberiti. We continue to Piazza Della Signoria where we find the Cellini Perseu and the Fountain of Neptune. After lunch (on your own), we continue our journey to Padua. In Padua we visit the Six-Dome Basilica of St. Anthony. Late afternoon departure for the Venice area for dinner and overnight. (CB,D)

Day 6 Aug. 13, Saturday Venice – Oberammergau

Morning walking tour of Venice. Tour includes an overview of St. Mark's Square, the Byzantine splendor of St. Mark's Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Afternoon departure for the Oberammergau area for dinner and overnight (CB,D)

Day 7 Aug. 14, Sunday Oberammergau / Heidelberg

Morning tour of the quaint village of Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play, we continue our journey to Heidelberg. We travel on parts of Germany's romantic road which leads from the Alps thru flat country to Heidelberg. Dinner and overnight in the Heidelberg area.

Day 8 Aug. 15, Monday Heidelberg / Cologne

Morning tour of Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town of student prince fame. Sightseeing here focuses on the red-walled castle where the great vat, a 49000-gallon 18th century wine cask. Travel north to Rudesheim, board an excursion steamer and cruise along the most scenic section of the Rhine River: Castle – Crested hills, terraced vineyards and finally the Lorelei cliff. Continue on to Cologne for dinner and overnight. (CB, D)

Days 9-14 Aug. 16-21, Tuesday to Sunday Cologne – World Youth Day

Attend WYD activities. Continental breakfast included daily at hotel. Dinner at hotel on Aug. 21. (CB, D)

Day 15 Aug. 22, Monday Cologne – Columbus

Transfer to Cologne, Frankfurt or Brussels airport for your flight to Columbus

Please fill out coupon below & return with your deposit of \$200 per person made payable to Diocese of Columbus and mail to:

Mark Butler, Youth Director, Diocese of Columbus 197 Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Additional \$200.00 payment due every two months from date of original deposit. Final payment due 60 days prior to departure date. For further information please call Mark Butler, 614-241-2565



**DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS
WYD COLOGNE, GERMANY 2005**

Name/s: _____
(Print your name/s exactly as it appears on your passport)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Days (____) _____ Nights (____) _____

Accommodations: Single Twin Triple

Roommate/s: _____

Method of payment: Check Ax Visa MC DC

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized signature: _____

I authorized subsequent and final payments on my credit card: YES NO

Age group: 16 to 18 18 to 35

Parent or legal guardian signature/s required if under 18 years old _____

IMPORTANT: US CITIZEN: Yes, Passport # _____
 No, Passport # _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Pilgrims who are handicapped and need assistance in daily chores or walking must be accompanied by a companion who will care for them.

RESPONSIBILITY: THE TRAVEL AGENT TOUR OPERATOR, Jubilee/ITC Tours, acting only in the capacity as agents for various transportation companies, hotels, restaurants, contractors and persons carrying out services in connection with the tour described in the brochure, are responsible to the participants as stated in the tour folder, but as to all services furnished, including air transportation and/or any other air surface transportation to be provided, all responsibility for liability of any nature whatsoever is expressly disclaimed for loss, damage, or injury to

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TOUR PRICE: Based on a minimum of 45 people traveling together. An increase may be necessary if this number is not obtained. The passage contracts in use by the transportation companies concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. The airline(s) providing transportation are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time that passengers are not on board their aircraft or conveyances. In the event the air carrier with whom the chartering organization has a contract to perform the air transportation described is delayed in performance or unable to perform with such aircraft, the provision of the relevant Civil Aeronautics Board's Economic Regulations and/or relevant IATA/ARC regulations shall govern the right and obligation of the parties.

Valid through 2005

CANCELLATION: All monies (less \$200.00 handling fee) will be refunded if cancellation is received 120 days prior to departure. Between 120-30 days forfeiture of \$200.00 deposit, plus any liquidating charges imposed by the hotels, buses and airlines will be charged. 30 days prior to departure no refund on entire package unless a replacement can be found.

TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION INSURANCE: The total benefit for any Insured Person is limited to an amount equal to the Insured Person's tour cost or the policy limit applied for. In the event the Insured Person is prevented from participating in all or part of a covered trip due to accident bodily injury, death or sickness to himself, a traveling companion or immediate family member (which required the care and attendance of a physician) or other unforeseen circumstances outside the Insured's control, the Insurance Company will reimburse the insured Person for: A) the non-refundable, prepaid travel expenses (transportations, accommodations and other services) due to cancellation of the trip prior to the originally scheduled departure; or B) if interruption occurs after departure, the unused non-refundable, prepaid travel expenses and C) the additional travel expenses incurred up to the cost of economy air fare required to return to the original point of departure or to rejoin the original trip for which the Insured was booked. Any such additional travel expenses; however, will be reduced by an indemnity paid for unused transportation under (B) above. **Exclusions:** Payments will not be made for common carrier caused delays or cancellations, change of plans, financial circumstances, business or contractual obligations, government regulations and pre-existing medical conditions.

FOR TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION INSURANCE: Coverage begins on the latest of the following: 1. The effective date shown on the master Description of Coverage; or 2. The date the Insured makes the initial deposit towards the tour. Coverage remains in force until the end of the tour.

Exclusions: The policy does not cover self-inflicted injuries or suicide, pregnancy war and certain sports injuries and loss due to government regulations. Also excluded is treatment by a physician who is a member of the Insured's Family. Cosmetic surgery, routine examination, loss due to military or police duty or influence of drugs or alcohol. Pre-existing conditions which first manifests itself during the 90-day period immediately prior to the term of coverage (unless the condition has remained controlled throughout the 90-day period). Strike or bankruptcy of an airline, cruise line or tour operator during a covered trip.

What is World Youth Day (WYD) 2005?

WYD is a celebration that brings together Catholic youth from over 150 countries. World Youth Day participants are pilgrims, on a journey towards God, accompanied and illumined by Christ, celebrating their faith with the Holy Father and one another. At WYD 2005, participants will learn how German Catholics live their faith and also experience life in Germany. In addition, participants will teach Germans about how we live our faith and about life in our diocese and country.

When will WYD 2005 take place?

We will depart from Columbus on August 8, 2005. We will spend one week in Italy before journeying to Cologne for WYD (August 16-21, 2005.) We will return to Columbus on August 22, 2005.

Where will WYD 2005 take place?

All WYD activities will take place in the city of Cologne, Germany. In addition to an assigned catechesis site, we will also walk to the site of the vigil with the Holy Father.

In addition to WYD we will also visit Rome, Assisi, Florence, Padua, Venice, Oberammergau, and Heidelberg.

What will participants do during WYD 2005?

Participants will take part in a weeklong program beginning with a Mass of Welcome and ending with a papal Mass. Other activities include sessions about the Catholic faith as well as participation in the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance. In addition, there will be opportunities to pray, participate in social service activities as well as attend a wide range of entertainment that will include concerts, plays, dance and discussions. An important part of WYD is the chance for youth from around the world to meet, make friends and learn from each other. Our travel arrangements also include many activities during our tour of Italy.

Who can attend?

WYD is designed specifically for Catholics between the ages of 16 – 35 and their group leaders. Pilgrims under the age of 18 must be part of a parish or school group with a six-youths-per-one-adult (+21) ratio. Pilgrims under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent.

How much will it cost to attend?

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What is the schedule of events?

The WYD organizers have not announced a formal schedule. After we arrive in Cologne, we expect WYD to follow its traditional pattern:

	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	Day of Welcoming	Catechetical Session w/ participating bishops	Catechetical Session w/ participating bishops	Catechetical Session w/ participating bishops	Pilgrimage to Vigil Site	Closing Liturgy w/ Holy Father
Afternoon	Arrival and Welcome	afternoon and evening shows, music, prayer opportunities	afternoon and evening shows, music, prayer opportunities	afternoon and evening shows, music, prayer opportunities		
Evening	Opening ceremony			Stations of the Cross	Vigil Celebration & sleep over	

How many people will attend WYD 2005?

Past WYDs in Europe have attracted over a million pilgrims. Over 2,000,000 pilgrims attended WYD 2000 in Rome.

Will Pope John Paul II be at WYD 2005?

Pope John Paul II announced Cologne as the site of the WYD 2005 on July 28, 2002, and indicated the importance of WYD to the Church's ministry with young people. Preparations are taking place based on papal attendance.

Entry in Italy/Germany

A valid passport is required for entry into Italy and Germany. A visa is not required for tourist stays up to three months in either country.

Due to international concern over child abduction, single parents, grandparents, or guardians traveling with children often need proof of custody or notarized letters from the other parent authorizing travel. Any person under the age of 18 should carry a letter from his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) authorizing the trip. Travelers without such documentation may experience delays at ports of entry.

Medication

If you are travelling with prescription drugs or syringes used for medical reasons, be sure to keep the medication in its original and labeled container to avoid problems. Syringes should be accompanied by a medical certificate that shows they are for medical use and should be declared to customs officials. It may also be wise to carry with you an extra prescription from your doctor in the event your medication is lost or stolen and to attest to your need to take such prescriptions.

Money

Travelers Cheques are strongly encouraged. Many U.S. automated teller machine (ATM) cards can be used throughout Europe to obtain Euros on your U.S. bank account. Major cards such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted in Italy and Germany. Keep in mind your financial institution at home will automatically make the currency exchange before you receive your monthly statement.

Tipping

In Germany, service charges (listed as Bedienung) are included in all restaurant checks. Nonetheless, it is customary to round up the bill to the nearest euro or to leave about 5% (give it to the waiter or waitress as you pay the bill; don't leave it on the table, as that's considered rude).

In Italian restaurants, a 15% service charge is usually added to the total; it's customary to give the waiter an additional 5%-10%, depending on the service and on the quality of the meal.

Exchange Rate

During the year 2002, the Euro and U.S. dollar were near even parity.

U.S. Customs

Articles acquired abroad and brought back with you into the United States are subject to duty and internal revenue tax. As a returning U.S. resident, you are allowed to bring back \$800 (effective 2002) worth of merchandise duty free.

Laws

While in a foreign country, a U.S. citizen is subject to that country's laws and regulations, which sometimes differ significantly from those of the United States and may not afford the protections available to the individual under U.S. law. Penalties for breaking the law can be more severe than in the United States for similar offenses. Persons violating Italian or German law, even unknowingly, may be expelled, arrested or imprisoned.

U.S. Embassies

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Time Difference

Germany and Italy and both 6 hours ahead of Ohio time. (Ex. 1:00 p.m. in Columbus is 7:00 p.m. in Rome and Cologne.)

Climate

Temperatures in Italy during the month of August range from 67-83 °F. Temperatures in Germany during the month of August range from 55-73 °F. Both countries have experienced high temperatures in the upper 90s °F during August.