

# YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

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Ballarat Diocese is part of the 2016 Victorian World Youth Day Pilgrimage and we already have a good number of pilgrims who have registered. Early in 2016, pilgrims will be fundraising in their parishes and communities to assist them in meeting the travel costs. We ask that you support them. More WYD and fundraising information will be sent to parishes early in 2016.

Preparation and formation sessions for pilgrims will be held in Ballarat, Warrnambool and Mildura from April to July. The Ballarat Diocese also contributes significantly to the cost of running the Pilgrimage (separate to the cost each pilgrim pays.)

The WYD Pilgrimage is open to youth and young adults 18-35 years old. WYD is on 31 July 2016 in Krakow Poland, preceded by a week of faith events including welcoming Pope Francis, the Stations of the Cross and the pilgrim walk and the all-night Vigil preceding the Papal Mass.

There are places still available on the Pilgrimage so please consider attending this 'once-in-a-lifetime' gathering of young people from all around the world. For more information contact Amanda on 0428 748 867 or go to the Youth and Young adult Ministry page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Wishing everyone the joy and peace of Christmas.

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