

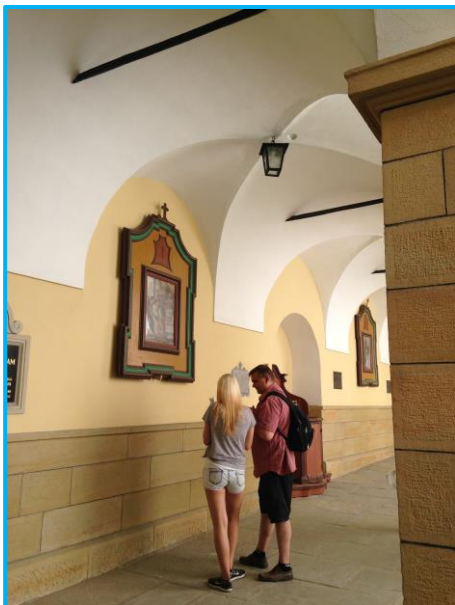
WORLD YOUTH DAY RETREAT and WYD REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15 APRIL

Ballarat Diocese is part of the Victorian World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland in July this year. Recently the Victorian Pilgrimage held a Leaders Formation Retreat weekend at Pallotti Retreat Centre near Warburton. Attending from the Ballarat Diocese were Stacey Atkins who will lead one of the four Victorian pilgrimage groups, Ballarat WYD coordinator Amanda Smith who led one of the sessions at the Retreat, and WYD Pilgrimage Chaplains Fr John Corrigan and Fr James Kerr.



Formation and preparation sessions for pilgrims will commence in the diocese in April. We are hoping there will be around twenty-five pilgrims from the Ballarat Diocese travelling to Poland participating in one of the four different pilgrimage options. All then will come together in Krakow for the week of WYD culminating in Mass with Pope Francis and around three million young people from all over the world.

Registrations for pilgrims are closing on 15 April. If you or someone in your parish or family might like to go (18-35 years), please contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au 0427 748 867 or visit www.cam.org.au/wydvictoria WYD and other Youth Ministry information is on the Diocesan website Youth and Young Adult Ministry page: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



Left: Young people pray the Stations of the Cross at the Calvary Monastery (Kalwaria Zebrzydowska) in Poland
Right: Kalwaria Zebrzydowska - a popular pilgrimage and retreat centre in Poland