



Diocesan e-News

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

Spreading Joy - Young Adult Gathering in Ballarat

Spreading Joy is a new series of informal gatherings of young adults in the Ballarat area, an opportunity to socialise and talk. Each gathering will have a short presentation from a guest speaker and Q&A as well as socialising. The first gathering is on May 25 with Amanda Smith presenting *Being Catholic, a multiple choice banquet*. As well as working with Ballarat diocese, Amanda is doing a research thesis with the University of Divinity, exploring aspects of Catholic faith in the future in Australia.

Spreading Joy 6pm onwards 25 May 2018 Lake View Hotel Ballarat for 18-35 yo - no charge

More info www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7160

Spreading Joy is part of the national Year of Youth. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry is facilitating a range of events for the Year of Youth. Ballarat Diocese has also employed two part-time Youth and Young Adult Ministry Project Workers, Noeline Hogan and Patrick Kennedy. They are working together with Amanda on Year of Youth events. Details of other events will be on the website soon, or contact us with your email address and we will email you events and Year of Youth info youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ballarat Diocese WYD Pilgrimage to Panama via Costa Rica

The Ballarat World Youth Day Pilgrimage itinerary and cost details will be available very soon. The registration window will open straight away so please contact us now so we can get information to you immediately. Pilgrimage dates are: depart Melbourne 16 January arrive home 1 February. The Pilgrimage is for 18-35 yo. Stacey Atkins is our Pilgrimage Leader. World Youth Day week is in Panama City and the final Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis will be held there on January 26/27. On the way to Panama, the Ballarat Diocese Pilgrimage is travelling to Costa Rica to participate in 'Days in the Diocese' in the wonderful Diocese of Cartago. The final part of the Pilgrimage is a Retreat in the beautiful coastal region of Panama by the Pacific Ocean. We look forward to hearing from you!

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