



**August 1st – 6th, 2023**

**Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA)**

**Turlock, CA**

**Pilgrim Information Packet**

# When is WYD?

August 1st-6th, 2023

(Days of the Diocese proceeding from July 26th-31st)

## What is World Youth Day (WYD)?

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

It aims to provide all participants with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is a new stimulus to the faith, hope and charity of the entire host country community. With young people as its protagonists, World Youth Day also seeks to promote peace, unity and fraternity among peoples and nations around the world.

## WYD Lisbon 2023 Theme

**“Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39)** is the bible quote chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day that will be held for the **first time in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal**. The biblical phrase (a quote from the Gospel of St. Luke) opens the account of the Visitation (Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the Annunciation (the angel’s announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and the theme of the last WYD, in Panama).

## What happens at WYD?

Over the course of a week, young people from all over the world are welcomed, mainly in public (gymnasiums, schools, pavilions ...) and parish facilities or family homes. In addition to the moments of prayer, sharing and leisure, the young people enrolled in this celebration participate in various initiatives organized by the WYD team, in different locations across the host city. The highlights are the celebrations (central features) for which the Pope is present, such as the welcoming and opening ceremony, the Way of the Cross, the vigil and, on the last day, the closing mass.

## **WYD Days in the Diocese – Diocese of Funchal, Madeira**

“Days in the dioceses” or “Pre-WYD” is a gathering that precedes the week of WYD and involves integrating the young people from all over the world in the parish communities, in the various dioceses of the country and, in some cases, in the dioceses of neighboring countries. During these days, the participants can get to know the host region better, as well as the local Church and its features, and as is also the case in WYD week, they stay in public or parish facilities or family homes. The pre-WYD for WYD Lisbon 2023 will take place from north to south of Portugal, including the islands.

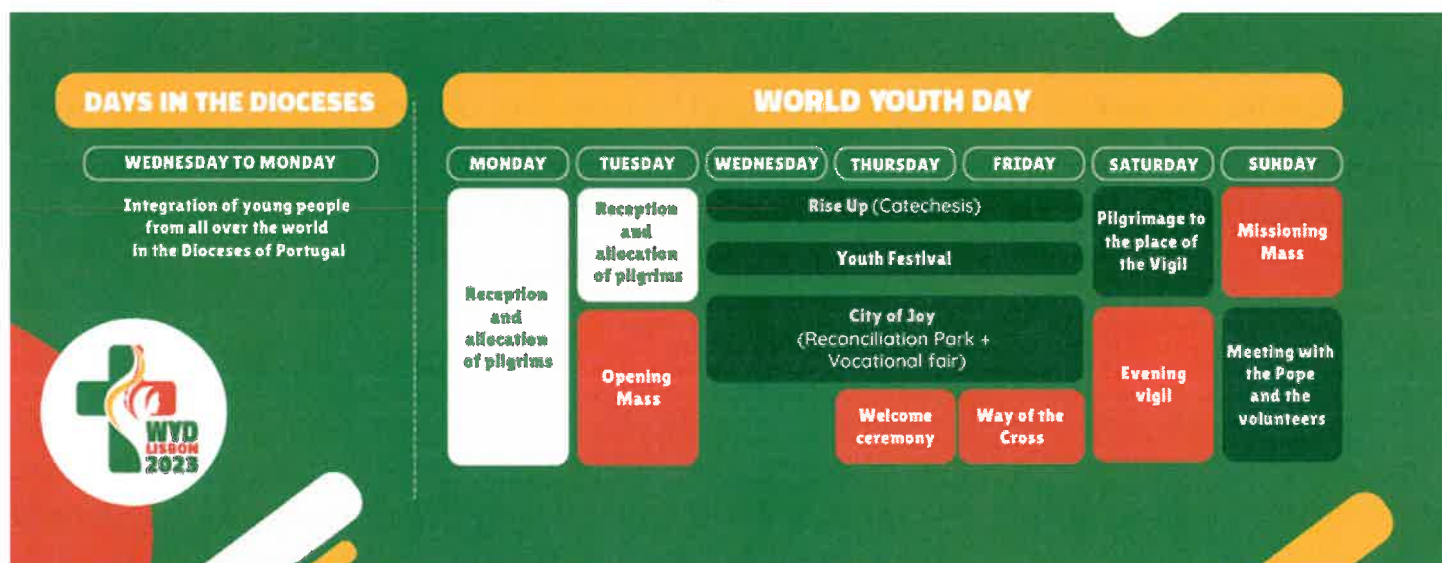
**OLA pilgrims who opt to join will attend these Days in the Diocese in Funchal, Madeira from July 26-31st!**

The Madeira Archipelago was officially discovered by the Portuguese between 1418 and 1419 and comprises the islands of Madeira, Porto Santo, Desertas and Selvagens. Its capital is Funchal, and the current population is approximately 260,000. The Diocese of Funchal was created on June 12, 1514, with St. James the Less and Our Lady of the Mount as its patron saints, and its cathedral is the Cathedral of Funchal. The Diocese has 96 parishes and seven deaneries – Funchal, Câmara de Lobos, São Vicente/Porto Moniz, Calheta, Machico/Santa Cruz, Santana and Ribeira Brava/Ponta do Sol. D. Nuno Brás da Silva Martins has been the Bishop of Funchal since 2019, making him the 33rd bishop of the Diocese.



*Our Lady of the Assumption Cathedral of Funchal*

# WYD Program 2023



Details of Schedules and Location coming soon. All these will take place in or around Lisbon

## Who can go to WYD?

Anyone at any age is invited to attend WYD! It is important to remember that all events will be targeted towards young people. All minors who attend must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older that is either a parent or an approved chaperone with parent's consent.

Each participant takes full responsibility for his/her ability to participate in the activities of this pilgrimage. The WYD organization in Lisbon will try to accommodate the accessibility needs of hadicap persons where possible. However there is no guarantee all accommodations will be met.

# How much does WYD cost?

Week of WYD: **\$250\***

- Includes accommodation, food, transportation, insurance and pilgrim's kit, from the evening of the 31st of July (dinner included) until the morning of the 7th of August (breakfast included).

Week of WYD + Days in the Diocese in Funchal, Madeira: **\$350\***

- Includes accommodations & transportations during Days in the Diocese in Funchal, Madeira (More details to come) and the same Week of WYD Package above.

**\*Estimated Costs due to fluctuations in the US Dollar and EU Euro**

**Accommodation:** Participants who choose a package with accommodation included, will be accommodated in families houses, pavilions, schools, gyms, among other collective spaces. Each participant must bring a sleeping bag and a mattress (travel). On the evening from the 5th to the 6th of August 2023, after the Vigil, all pilgrims will spend the night outdoors at the place of celebration. Also here, each participant must bring a sleeping bag (sleeping bag) and a mat with them.

**Food:** The feeding points will be a mixed system, i.e. WYD Lisbon 2023's own areas, restaurants or other feeding points of external partners can be used. To allow for a balanced use of all feeding points, a system is being developed that will allow pilgrims to eat at a certain place and/or pick up their food regardless of the package they have chosen.

**Transportation:** The city of Lisbon and its surroundings have a good public transport system, which will be a fundamental part of travel during WYD. The WYD team is working with mobility partners to provide a value proposition for all pilgrims, so that the use of all modes of transport is easy and takes into account peak usage, the most environmentally sustainable options and the capacity of the city.

**Insurance:** All Registration Packages include personal accident insurance during the WYD period. More information to come.

**Pilgrim Kit:** The Pilgrim's Kit will include official products WYD Lisbon 2023 and will take into account the model of all WYD. Pilgrim Kits will be distributed in the host parishes where pilgrims are staying.

## What about the flight?

All Pilgrims are responsible for finding and purchasing their own flights

Estimated round trip from San Francisco to Lisbon, PT: **\$1,000\***

Recommended airlines for this flight include:

- United Airlines
- Lufthansa Airlines
- TAP Portugal Airlines

Estimated round trip from Lisbon to Funchal, Madeira: **\$150\***

Recommended airlines for this flight include:

- TAP Portugal / Azores Airlines
- RyanAir
- easyJet

## How do we register?

### Registration form

The registration form can be completed online and will go live on our website **olassumption.net** on Monday, November 14th - Friday, December 30th @5pm.

### Payment

All payments must be cash or check and submitted into the Parish Office by the end of January. All checks should be made out to Our Lady of the Assumption Church or OLA and "WYD - Your Name" in the memo and/or envelope.

## When is the registration deadline?

Last day to register online will be **Friday, December 30th @5pm**

*Late online registrations will not be accepted after the deadline*

# **WYD Lisbon 2023 official websites:**

**Lisboa2023.org**

(Go to top right button for EN English Setting of the website)

**YouTube:** Lisboa 2023

**Instagram:** @lisboa2023\_en

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