

WYD Animation of Catechesis FAQ's...

One of the ways that Wahroonga parish is getting involved with World Youth Day is by providing an animation of catechesis team – and we want as many of us as possible to get involved!

We're animating what now?

WYD runs from Tuesday, the 15th of July, to Sunday, the 20th. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, all pilgrims go to the church closest to where they're staying for a morning of "catechesis" – "passing on the faith". Each morning has its own theme, and all the activities will be centred around that theme. These will include a talk from a Bishop, time for Reconciliation, music, drama, testimonies, Q&A time, and Mass, as well as a chance to meet other pilgrims and hang out over lunch.

So what would a Catechesis session look like?

8:30 – Welcoming and mingling
9:00 – Introduction of the theme – music, drama, speakers.
9:30 – Bishop's talk
10:00 – Response to the talk – questions and reflections
11:00 – Mass
12:00 – Lunch

Reconciliation would also be available all morning.

So it's a pretty jam packed morning, with lots of different things happening, and stacks of people needed to organise different parts.

Who runs it all?

Each church in Sydney (including Holy Name) will be a catechesis centre, with up to 1000 pilgrims attending each morning. And each church will have a Catechesis Team, who run the entire morning, and ensure it all goes smoothly – that's us!

A catechesis team can have anywhere from 6 – 30 members, depending on the size of the venue and the activities you want to organise. Some of the roles will include:

- Team leader and assistant team leaders
- Someone to liaise with the Bishop
- Music leader, musicians, singers
- One or two MC's
- Readers
- Servers and Eucharistic Ministers for Mass
- People to be part of the dramas and to share their testimonies
- Welcomers
- Crowd control, directing people where to go and co-ordinating Reconciliation

Basically, there is something for absolutely everybody – and the more on the team, the more we can offer pilgrims, and the more smoothly the morning will run.

We'd also love to have people on the team who aren't available during the WYD week itself, but still want to help out in the lead up.

We'd love lots of the youth (yr 10+) and young adults to be involved, but any older members of the parish who want to help out would be greatly appreciated too – we need some wisdom and life experience!

What will I be getting myself into if I join?

Don't worry; you're not signing your life away... Basically, being on the team will mean:

- Fortnightly meetings (maybe before or after Sunday night Mass if that suits people?) between now and July, to plan for and prepare our catechesis sessions.
- Team training days – either Saturday 3rd May, Saturday 24th May (full days), or both Thursday 8th and 15th May (night sessions).
- Being a registered WYD pilgrim (package B, the whole week) – but you were going to do that anyway, weren't you :)
- And basically as much as you're willing to put into it – you can just rock up to the meetings, or you can take on a leadership role, or anything in between.

For anyone who can't come to WYD itself, we'd still love to have you involved in the preparation process – be a part of our “extended” team.

What's in it for me?

What's not in it for you? An awesome chance to meet other young adults of the parish, be involved in putting on not 1, but 3, big events for the youth of the world, “develop teamwork and leadership skills” (looks great on your resume!), learn more about our faith and our church, and above all, have fun while serving our God and each other.

Don't hesitate, jump in (you can always bail out later).

Sign me up!

We'd love to get started asap, so let us know if you're in! Contact Kelly:

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So don't delay – get involved today...