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Press release



Through the Missioning Gesture

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 volunteers involve more than 650 institutions in the meeting

The volunteers of the World Youth Day (WYD) Lisbon 2023 had the opportunity to be missionaries of the biggest meeting of young people with Pope Francis and to take the WYD to all those who due to their vulnerability cannot participate.

Organised in teams, the volunteers visited 657 institutions in the host dioceses - Lisbon, Santarém and Setúbal - in the last week of July, involving around 50,000 people who are users of hospitals, day centres, residential facilities for the elderly and for people with disabilities, prisons or institutions that support the homeless.

By visiting these people, who are unable to participate in WYD Lisbon 2023 in person, the Missionary Gesture of WYD Lisbon 2023 aimed to bring the meeting to this most vulnerable population, with animation and company of volunteers, but also to bring them to the meeting, through prayer and in a symbolic way, in a bracelet with the name of each one who is visited in the institutions.

More information about WYD Lisbon 2023 initiatives is available in the Digital Press Room [here](#).

About the WYD

World Youth Day (WYD), a meeting of young people from around the world with the Pope, was instituted by St. John Paul II in 1985 and has since been a moment of encounter and sharing for millions of people around the world.

The first edition took place in 1986 in Rome, and since then WYD has passed through the following cities: Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago de Compostela (1989), Czestochowa (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997), Rome (2000), Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005), Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Krakow (2016) and Panama (2019). On January

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27, 2019, at the conclusion of World Youth Day in Panama City, it was announced that Pope Francis' choice for the next edition of World Youth Day would be Lisbon. WYD Lisbon 2023 will take place between August 1 and 6, 2023, under the theme "Mary arose and went with haste" - Lk 1:39

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