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Press Release



## Pope Francis receives a Pilgrim Kit for WYD Lisbon 2023

Pope Francis received a Pilgrim Kit for World Youth Day (WYD) 2023 on Thursday in Rome.

This backpack will have basic items that will be given to young people who are registered to participate in this momentous encounter with the Pope. It was hand delivered by the President of the WYD Lisbon 2023 Foundation and General Coordinator, D. Américo Aguiar, Auxiliary Bishop of Lisbon, who is in Rome for an audience with the Holy Father in the Vatican City.

Pope Francis, who was the first pilgrim to register for WYD Lisbon 2023 on October 23, 2022, will once again be the first recipient of the kit that will soon be prepared for distribution to the thousands of pilgrims who are preparing to come to Lisbon for the week of August 1-6.

### About WYD

John Paul II in 1985. It has been, since then, a time of encounter and sharing for millions of people throughout 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 27 January 2019, at the closing ceremony of World Youth Day in Panama City, it was announced that Pope Francis had chosen Lisbon to host the next World Youth Day. WYD Lisbon 2023 will be held from 1 to 6 August 2023.

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