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Press Release



## World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 releases a summary of statistics just two months until the world's largest encounter between the youth and the Pope

The WYD Lisbon 2023 Foundation will provide some statistics to mark two months until World Youth Day (WYD) Lisbon 2023 - the largest international meeting of young people with the Pope, which will take place in Lisbon from August 1st -6th.

It should be noted that the current statistics of the WYD Lisbon 2023 Foundation are based on continuously evolving data. Similar to previous WYDs, as the date of WYD approaches, there is an increased interest and desire to participate in the Pope's largest meeting with young people from around the world. Currently, the number of registrations for WYD Lisbon 2023 is even above those recorded for previous WYDs at the same phase of preparation.

- There are around 600,000 pilgrims who are already registered. 400,000 registered pilgrims are in phase 2 of registration, and 200,000 have registrations that are fully completed. WYD Lisbon 2023 has pilgrims representing 184 countries. The countries that have the most pilgrims with fully completed registrations are Spain (39,777), Italy (32,369), Portugal (19,350), France (9,283), Poland (9,053), and the United States of America (5,807).
- So far, 20,605 people have registered as volunteers for WYD Lisbon 2023, and 363 of these are Health Volunteers, which include doctors, nurses, and students who are about to complete their medical and nursing studies. They will have the responsibility of responding to the basic health needs of the participants at the event locations.
- Although Host Family registrations continue to be received, the parishes of the host dioceses (Lisbon, Setúbal, and Santarém) have already registered about 6,000 families. The WYD Lisbon 2023 Foundation currently has 400,000 communal accommodation spaces for pilgrims, which will be located within the host dioceses. The Foundation is still negotiating contracts with municipal authorities and entities in these locations.
- All pilgrims participating in WYD Lisbon 2023 will have access to a catering network. With the support of the Association of Hospitality, Catering, and Similar of Portugal (AHRESP), this network so far has more than 1,000 partner establishments, which will provide more than 2 million meals.



- In addition to the Central Events, WYD Lisbon 2023 will have other activities throughout the week of August 1st-6th. There will be 201 activities held, including music events, conferences, exhibitions, theatrical performances, dance, cinema, and sports tournaments, among others. These will take place in 90 locations spread throughout Lisbon, Loures, and other municipalities, particularly in those that will host pilgrims. In all, the artistic events will have participants representing 55 countries.
- Based on WYD's commitment to environmental sustainability, and in partnership with the Global Tree Initiative (GTI), 6,753 trees have been registered on the GTI platform, which have been planted worldwide in the name of WYD Lisbon 2023. Trees have been planted in many countries, including Portugal, Spain, France, India, Australia, Angola, Guinea, and Brazil. The GTI aims to mobilize the population to engage in good environmental practices, and it encourages adopting community behaviors that contribute to mitigating the loss of biodiversity and the effects of climate change.
- The WYD Lisbon 2023 Theme Song, "Há Pressa no Ar," was translated into the five official languages of WYD, as well as nine other languages, namely Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, Indonesian, Arabic, and Portuguese Sign Language.

#### About WYD

World Youth Day (WYD), a meeting of young people from all over the world with the Pope, was instituted by St. John Paul II in 1985 and since then has been a time 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 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 1 and 6 August 2023.

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