

ST. SCHOLASTICA S.T.O.R.M.

Jubilee For Youth Informational Meeting - March 20 & April 11, 2024

- I. Prayer
- II. Welcome & Video
- III. Benefits of the Jubilee For Youth Trip: STORM Members Will...
 - A. Experience six days of Prayer, Meditation, and Instruction.
 - B. Have the opportunity to have new cultural experiences and learn how Italian Catholics live their faith.
 - C. Interact with Catholic youth from all over the world - talk about African groups - singing and dancing.
 - D. Experience the happiness of being with the Pope and with each other - We were very close to the Pope in Canada, Poland, and Portugal.
 - E. Have Sightseeing, Service, and Retreat opportunities.
- IV. Review General Itinerary of the Trip:
 - A. We are considering using JMJ for our trip, but are still investigating other options.
 - B. We are staying at three star hotels throughout the trip.
 - C. Talk about food throughout trip.
 - D. Depart Saturday, July 26, 2025 from Chicago. Fly overnight.
 - E. Arrive in Rome, Italy on Sunday, July 27. Drive to Assisi for Overnight. Dinner is included.
 - F. Monday, July 28 - Assisi - Breakfast & Dinner Included
 - G. Tuesday, July 29 - Rome - Walking Tour of the Ancient Center of Rome - The Jubilee Festivities Begin Today - Possibly with a Welcome Mass - Breakfast & Dinner Included
 - H. Wednesday, July 30 - Rome - Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. John Lateran - Breakfast & Dinner Included
 - I. Thursday, July 31 - Rome - Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Visit the Catacombs, The Vatican Museum, Breakfast & Dinner Included
 - J. Friday, August 1 - Rome - Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of the Basilica for St. Mary Major - Breakfast & Dinner Included
 - K. Saturday, August 2 - Rome - Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Peter's
 - L. Sunday, August 3 - Rome - Mass With the Pope
 - M. We don't know what the Jubilee will look like, but there are some suggestions that it will be a "mini" World Youth Day. If so the general schedule for WYD includes an Opening Mass of Welcome. Wednesday through Friday there may

be catechetical sessions in the morning, a Youth Festival, opportunities for service, and opportunities for Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Friday there will be a Way of the Cross Ceremony in the evening. Finally on Saturday, we will pilgrimage to the location of the overnight. There will be an evening vigil with the Pope. We will spend the night in the park and then on Sunday morning, there is a Papal Mass to end The Jubilee For Youth. There will be a dinner included the last night.

- N. Monday, August 4 we will fly to Split, Croatia and the Bus to Medjugorje, Bosnia. Join the Mladifest Youth Festival.
- O. Tuesday, August 5 - Mladifest Youth Festival in Medjugorje
- P. Wednesday, August 6 - Participate in the closing ceremony of the Mladifest Youth Festival and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Medjugorje.
- Q. Thursday, August 7 - Take a bus to Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- R. Friday, August 8 - Walk the Walls of Dubrovnik (added cost), and spend some time at the beach.
- S. Saturday, August 9 - we will depart for home.

VI. Participants

- A. The package is approximately \$5300. Applications are due by May 15 and includes a one page application about why you want to go. The first deposit of \$500 is due at that time. We will have a participant meeting to start fundraising efforts soon after.
- B. I am seriously considering doing this trip on our own. If our numbers are smaller, this is easier to manage. We would probably stay in AirBnB's or hotel's. We would hire local guides for a tour in the cities we visit. It would likely be significantly cheaper (maybe around \$4200), but flights are the question mark. I would also need to know for sure by May who is coming so we can book our flights as soon as they open in the summer. Meals would not be included, but we could pick up breakfast food if we don't stay in hotels. And we might include some meals in the cost you pay in.
- C. This is a Pilgrimage, not just a sightseeing trip. I want the participants to be going for the right reasons. It is not always a comfortable feeling to be a pilgrim. It is very crowded, there are lots of lines and waiting. There is lots of walking every day. We will be doing some sightseeing, but that will not be the primary reason for this trip. If you are mostly interested in seeing Italy, Bosnia, and Croatia, this is not the trip for you.
- D. Minimum Age is 15. It is intended for 16-35 year olds, but we will include mature (both generally and in their faith) 15 year olds.
- E. I am planning to go if we have interest. I have several of my regular volunteers who have expressed an interest in going including Billy and Melissa Buchholz, Jacob Garland, and Kayla Nykiel, but nothing is confirmed yet. Fr. Matt will be going with and he may be recruiting from his church as well. My kids may be going. There is no minimum number, but I would love to get to 11 if we go with

JMJ because of the free trip. Less people equals easier fundraising.

VII. Expenses & Fundraising

- A. We expect the trip to cost around \$5300 (less if we do it on our own). My main concern is the fundraising. We raised around \$2800 for the participants of WYD 2023 (but we had a head start because of the Covid Delay), and between \$1500 to \$2500 for the 11 participants of Italy, and between \$400 to \$3400 for WYD 2016. The more fundraisers they helped with the more money they made.
- B. I am leaning toward having participants get sponsors for their own trip costs. Some past WYD participants did this successfully. This was one of the things that helped to reduce the costs for individuals of the last trips. If the Fr. Norbert approves, we will send out letters to the parish as well to go into a large group "fund" and we can try to get corporate sponsors.
- C. If teens and or parents are willing, they could organize some large group fundraisers to defray costs, but I don't feel like I can take on the responsibility for this. They also can't conflict with other fundraisers going on in the parish. We are planning for two more Trivia Nights in November and February.

VIII. Questions & Discussion & Video of St. Scholastica

IX. Closing Prayer