

World Youth Day Meeting – Parent Questions

- How do we give contact info?
 - There will be a Google form provided.
- Will there be a refund granted in case of emergency?
 - Depending on the situation, we will determine a refund amount where possible.
 - This is pending Fr. Joyson's approval.
 - We will determine and send out a cancellation/refund schedule.
- Who do I make the cheque out to?
 - The cheque should be made out to St. John of the Cross Parish, indicating in the memo that it is for WYD2023 - Lisbon
 - Attached to this email is a sample mailing label that you can print, cut out and attach to the envelope when you drop off your cheque (or cash) for the deposit of \$500 due Feb. 22nd.
- Is e-transfer possible?
 - Yes, it is possible, but please email us if you'd like to use this option, as there are very specific steps to follow. Cheque is preferred.
- Do I need a visa?
 - Canadian citizens do not need a visa for Portugal.
 - If you do not hold a Canadian passport, you will need to look at the Schengen Area visa coverage.
 - Visa fees are not included in the cost of our trip and will be your responsibility to pay
- Is food included in the price?
 - Meals are covered during Days in the Diocese and WYD Week
 - For the days we are not doing Days in the Diocese (July 26-31) or WYD activities (Aug 1-6), we will cover at least two meals a day.
 - For the meal not covered, we will allow pilgrims freedom to buy their own meal, accompanied by a buddy and a leader.
 - Snacks or extra meals are the pilgrim's responsibility.
- Safety
 - <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/portugal>
 - <https://travellersworldwide.com/is-portugal-safe/#:~:text=Lisbon%20is%20considered%20one%20of,being%20targeted%2C%20but%20it's%20rare.>
 - We will almost always be in a group; in the rare occurrence that we are not all together, every pilgrim will be in the company of at least one leader and a travel buddy.
- Contacts
 - Clinton Machado and Kristen Lobo
 - yg@sjocross.org
- Packing List
 - We will travel with one checked bag and one carry on; backpacks are mandatory (even if they are packed in your suitcase).
 - Detailed packing list to be determined and shared closer to the trip.