

God's project needs lively young people
who will give themselves completely
to the struggle for the transformation of our world.

The call of our Founder - St Marcellin Champagnat

Marist International Festival

coinciding with World Youth Day

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OUR WYD PROJECT OFFICER

In January 2007, Carole Wark will assume the position of Project Officer for the Marist International Festival. Carole will join the team at the Marist Ministries Office in Sydney - the office that is responsible for the support and animation of the ministries of the Sydney Province of the Marist Brothers. Carole has many years of experience in schools and is currently the Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry at Marcellin College Randwick, Sydney.

Marist Festival

- Thursday 10th July - Sunday 13th July 2008

World Youth Day Events

- Monday 14th July - Sunday 20th July 2008

In July 2008, Sydney will welcome hundreds of thousands of young pilgrims from overseas and from across Australia, for World Youth Day. In the days leading up to the World Youth Day activities, the Marist Brothers will be holding an international festival in Sydney. If you're connected to Marist ministry, then you're invited! So, when you come to Sydney, what will the program look like?



Thursday 10 July	Marist Festival
Friday 11 July	Marist Festival
Saturday 12 July	Marist Festival
Sunday 13 July	Marist Family Mass and Celebration
Monday 14 July	Free Day
Tuesday 15 July	Mass at Telstra Stadium
Wednesday 16 July	Catechesis
Thursday 17 July	Catechesis & Papal Welcome on Sydney Harbour
Friday 18 July	Catechesis & The Way of the Cross through the streets of Sydney
Saturday 19 July	Pilgrimage Walk to Papal Mass site
Sunday 20th July	Vigil with the Holy Father
	Papal Mass

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The Marist International Festival will be held for
4 days in the lead up to World Youth Day week:

Thursday, 10th July - Sunday, 13th July

Marist International Festival



coinciding with World Youth Day

At our Marist Festival we will be welcoming pilgrims from across Australia and from the 77 countries of the world where Marists can be found. The Festival is open to young people between the ages of 16-35 and will be held at three Sydney venues that belong to the Marists:

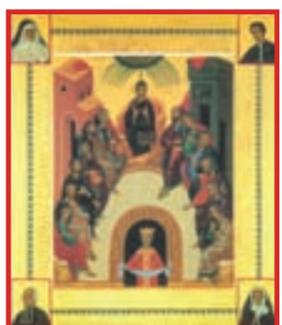


For those who register to attend the Marist Festival, accommodation will be available at a Marist site for the duration of their visit to Sydney: 10th July - 20th July.

MARIST FESTIVAL THEME

The theme of WYD 2008 is inspired by St Luke's writings in the Acts of the Apostles (1:8):

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.



This quote from Acts anticipates the story of Pentecost and one of the ancient images of this story has Mary among the apostles, in the upper room. The icon of Mary, Mother of the Church, is the icon of the Association of Marist Schools of Australia and it will be the image that inspires the theme of the Marist International Festival. Early in 2007, a competition will be launched to determine our Festival slogan.

JOURNEY OF THE WYD CROSS & ICON



The World Youth Day Cross is the most significant tangible symbol of World Youth Day. It is accompanied by an icon of Mary, the mother of Jesus. These symbols are currently on their world pilgrimage and will arrive in Australia in early 2007. In the lead up to the Marist International

Festival, the WYD Cross and Icon will be used in a special day of prayer at the Marist spirituality centre, The Hermitage, Mittagong, New South Wales. The date is yet to be finalised, but it is likely to be in the days that follow Easter in 2008.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The event is being organised in cooperation with the General Council of the Marist Brothers in Rome. There has been a growing demand for an international gathering of young Marists and the General Council is eager for this to happen in Sydney, to coincide with World Youth Day.
- The Festival will include discussion groups, guest speakers, prayer and sacramental celebration. It will be a chance for pilgrims to enrich their lives through interaction with Marists from a myriad of backgrounds and cultures.
- Pilgrims will need to register through official WYD channels. There will be an opportunity through this registration to indicate participation in the Marist Festival. There will also be a need to register for the Marist Festival separately, through the www.maristoz.edu.au website (this facility will be available in February 2007).
- At each of the venues there will be various grades of accommodation available. Costs for accommodation packages are yet to be finalised. The groups at each of the venues are yet to be decided, but we will probably differentiate between schools, age, pilgrims and young adults. Depending on the mix of international pilgrims, we may also designate groups to venues on the basis of language.

