



# registration update

## for pilgrims

### Special Pilgrim Offer – Sydney Symphony performance at Sydney Opera House during WYD08!

WYD will be presenting one of the most sought after concerts of the year, with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and famous conductor Maestro Gianluigi Gelmetti performing at 8pm on Friday 18 July 2008 at the renowned Sydney Opera House.

The performance will be "Beethoven's Missa Solemnis" with four guest international and Australian opera artists. There are only 1,100 seats that will be made available to the WYD pilgrims. [Click here](#) for tickets available on a first come first purchase offer via the website. The code you need to enter to access this offer is: 1366.

Be sure to book your tickets soon as they are expected to sell fast. In booking your tickets you will need to quote your group number and individual number from the Egeria registration Sydney. Ticket prices are as follows:

- A reserve \$97 446 tickets
- B reserve \$84 470 tickets
- C reserve \$66 259 tickets

Book now for what promises to be an amazing experience during WYD08.

### XT3 – ALMOST HERE!

We are close to launching one of the most exciting initiatives of WYD08 – the official online social networking tool; Xt3.

We are busy putting the final touches to a site that will allow you to make friends before you embark on your pilgrimage and when you return home. As part of the WYD08 legacy we want to give young people a place to meet in faith and fellowship to network, interact, and connect with events.

Xt3, Christ in the Third Millennium, will have features such as private messaging, photo albums, discussion groups and some very unique functions that you will not find on other platforms.

Millions of young people are using online social networking; it is our sincere hope that this site will become a different type of social network, one that is grounded in a desire to support real friendships, to allow young people to share their stories, and to hope for a better future together.

Xt3 - Make a friend. Share the journey. Build a better world

### AUSSIE SCREENSAVER: count down to WYD08

[Click here](#) to download a screensaver that counts down the days to WYD08.

Featuring inspiring imagery from all States and Territories the screensaver highlights some great Australian experiences. Make this your screensaver in the lead up to the event and get a glimpse of the exciting adventure awaiting you!



### Tourism Australia launches global MySpace campaign

Tourism Australia has launched a new MySpace page, which highlights the many and varied opportunities for young travellers under the Australian Working Holiday Visa program.

You can learn more about holidaying in Australia, share your experiences with others, hear their travel stories and enter competitions to win some fantastic prizes.

Featuring vodcasts of working holiday makers' stories, photos galore, Aussie music downloads and like-minded friends, get on board to hear real stories from like-minded travellers in the lead up to World Youth Day!

[Click here](#) to check it out!

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### Experience Australia and Indulge your Tastebuds

We've learnt from the best and our chefs and wine makers have bent the rules and created a food and wine style all of our own.

They've blended, chopped, shaken and fused nature's sun-kissed produce to create a delicious melting pot of cuisine and award winning full-flavoured wines.

It's Australia's love of freshness and spontaneity that inspires our people to do great things with food and wine in wonderful settings.



Whether you're in the mood for a perfectly cooked steak, Asian-fused modern cuisine, a racy Riesling or a crocodile sausage, Australia is the place to be. From mouth-watering European and Mediterranean influences through to the tantalising spices of Asia and the Middle East and exotic bush tucker from our own backyard, the choice is vast and delicious.



[Click here](#) to plan your Australian food and wine experience visit

### IMPORTANT REGO TIPS

Just to let you know that due to technical issues your status will say 'incomplete' and the summary page has no information. This is the same for all registrants in Egeria and there's no need to worry. Please fill in as much information as possible and rest assured if there are any outstanding issues

with your registration our team will contact you.

Thank you for your patience over the coming weeks as we look to address many hundreds of enquiries each day. The good news is that our team is growing every week and we are working hard to improve our response times and resolve any issues you encounter.

Just a reminder to Australian pilgrims to please let your group leader know when you have made a payment by direct deposit or BPAY.

WYD08 are relying on your group leader to manage the payments for each group and as it takes about 7–10 working days for these payments to be added to Egeria, letting your group leader know you've made a payment will really help.

If you haven't already, please pay your registration fee. Talk to your group leader to work out a way that's easiest for you pay as soon as possible. This will help us allocate you to major events, catechesis and accommodation sites.

### HEALTH TIP #8: Staying healthy during WYD08

WYD08 will be an action-packed week for all participants. Help maintain your health and energy levels by observing these simple tips:

- **Wash your hands regularly** (especially before eating and after using the toilet). Washing your hands with soap and water is a very effective way to prevent the spread of colds and other common illnesses. Alcohol hand wash or other hand cleaning lotions are a good alternative if soap and warm water aren't readily available.
- **Drink plenty of water.** Drinking water (6-8 glasses a day is recommended) is very important for maintaining general health and energy. Sydney tap water is free and safe to drink.
- **Get enough sleep.** Give your body and mind the chance to recover from a busy day and prepare for another!



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- **Have regular meals.** Eating healthy food throughout the day will help maintain your energy and focus. You may like to bring extra snacks for between meals – fruit, nuts and energy bars are healthy options.
- **Tell your group leader or accommodation supervisor if you feel unwell.** Don't wait until you feel really sick! Supervisors can put you in touch with appropriate health services.

Staying healthy and feeling good will help you make the most out of each day during WYD08. More health advice is available from [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

### PRAYER FOCUS

In May, we ask the intercession of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians for all the spiritual and logistical preparations for WYD08.

We pray that Mary's "yes" to God's Word may be an example to all those in service of WYD08 and the Church.

*A Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians*

Mary, you are the Mother of Jesus, our Lord. He gave you, while on the cross, to be our Mother. You are Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians. You were created full of grace by God, our loving Father. The Holy Spirit has made you the greatest of Saints.

Your "yes" to God's Word teaches us how to receive the power of His Spirit. Your presence in the upper room inspired the first disciples to trust completely in the promise of the risen Christ: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8)

I now consecrate myself entirely to your Immaculate Heart and through it to the Sacred Heart of Jesus your Son so that I might be a witness to Jesus in the power of His Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit! Renew in me the graces of my Baptism. Pour out in abundance your gifts given in Confirmation, when the voice

of the Father reaffirmed our original vocation "You are my beloved son." "You are my beloved daughter."

Provide a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in us that I might be completely seized by God, who is love. Mary, teach me to be attentive to the voice of God in silence, and to live lives of service in truth, joy and peace. Totus Tuus. I am all yours. Amen.

Servant of God Pope John Paul II – Pray for us

For more on the WYD08 Prayer Campaign, [click here](#)

### Pray a Holy Hour of Power

Join a weekly Holy Hour of Power in your local parish or help start one up with the assistance of your parish priest and members for your parish community. For more information on the WYD08 Eucharistic Adoration campaign, [click here](#)

### To inspire you...Quotes from Saints

*"Words cannot express the perfection of his adoration. If Saint John leaped in the womb at the approach of Mary, what feelings must have coursed through Joseph during those six months when he had at his side and under his very eyes the hidden God! If the father of Origen used to kiss his child during the night and adore the Holy Spirit living within Him, can we doubt that Joseph must have often adored Jesus hidden in the pure tabernacle of Mary? How fervent that adoration must have been: My Lord and my God, behold your servant! No one can describe the adoration of this noble soul. He saw nothing, yet he believed; his faith had to pierce the virginal veil of Mary. So likewise with you! Under the veil of the Sacred Species your faith must see our Lord. Ask St Joseph for his lively, constant faith." St Peter Julian Eymard*