

## Deadline for Registration 1st March 2012

### Preparation Meetings

It is very important that you attend these meetings .

This is for you to get to know the other pilgrims and to prepare for the event.

#### 2012

**Sunday 1st April**

*(Palm Sunday & WYD 2012)*

2-5pm

St Colman's, St Colman's  
Avenue, Cosham,  
Portsmouth, PO6 2JJ

**Saturday 7th July**

6pm - 10 pm

Saturday 8th December

#### 2013

**Saturday - Sunday**

6-7th April

*(Residential)*

**Sunday 7th July**

### Payment Schedule

*£250 Deposit with  
application*

**2012**

1 April £300

1 July £300

1 September £300

1 November £300

**2013**

10 January £300

1 March £300

1 May Balance

*Please make cheques  
payable to*

**PRCDTR Youth Commission  
Summer School**

Further details from

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# Diocese of Portsmouth

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# World Youth Day

## Information

# Rio de Janeiro 2013



*"Go and make  
disciples of all  
nations!"*

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## What is World Youth Day?



In 1985, to celebrate the UN International Year of Youth, Pope John Paul II came up with an idea of a regular international gathering of young people that would embrace, foster and celebrate their faith. The first World

Youth day (WYD) took place on Palm Sunday in Rome and has been celebrated every year since.

Every two or three years there is an international gathering and it is these events that have captured the imagination - in Manila (1995) over 4 million people attended the WYD

Mass! WYD offers young Catholics across the world a chance to connect with each other and with God. It is an opportunity to share faith and to realise how huge and diverse the Church is. It is an ideal time to journey with Christ and to renew the Church.

## Numbers

The Diocese is limiting the number of places available to 50 people. If more than this number wish to go then a ballot will take place.

## Age Policy

You will need to be aged 18 by April 6th 2013 to be able to go on the pilgrimage.

## Weather in Rio

The temperature in Rio during July is around 20-25°C with some chance of rain.

## Previous WYD Gatherings

1984/5  
Rome  
1987  
Buenos Aires  
1989  
Santiago de Compostela  
1991  
Czestochowa  
1993  
Denver  
1995  
Manila  
1997  
Paris  
2000  
Rome  
2002  
Toronto  
2005  
Cologne  
2008  
Sydney  
2011  
Madrid

## Cost

- Approximately £2300 - £2500
  - Travel (flight prices will not be known until August 2012)
  - Accommodation
  - WYD Registration
  - Pilgrim Pack

There is a payment schedule that is shown on the back page. It is important that payments are made on time.

## Special Needs

The Diocese is committed to involving people with disabilities in every aspect of the life of the Church. However, we do need to know if you have any special needs so that we can make provision where possible to include you on the pilgrimage. If you need a nominated carer you will be asked to apply for them to join you on the pilgrimage.

## What will I need to have?

- A valid passport
- If you are a non UK national you may need to get a visa (this will be your responsibility)
- A commitment to attend the preparation meetings

## Fundraising

There will be opportunities to raise money as a group as well as advice given on the best ways to fundraise. Ask your Pastoral Area/Parish/School for support.

## Provisional Timeline

**Saturday 20th July**

Fly to Brazil

**Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd**

Acclimatise and Preparation

**Tuesday 23rd July**

Opening Mass

**Wednesday 24th July**

AM - Catechesis with Bishops

PM & Eve – Youth Festival

**Thursday 25th July**

AM - Catechesis with Bishops

PM – Welcome of the Pope

Eve – Youth Festival

**Friday 26th July**

AM - Catechesis with Bishops

PM – Youth Festival

Eve – Stations of the Cross

through the streets of Rio de

Janeiro

**Saturday 27th July**

Pilgrim Walk

Prayer Vigil with the Pope

**Sunday 28th July**

World Youth Day Mass

celebrated by the Pope

**Monday 29th July**

Travel home

**Tuesday 30th July**

Arrive home

## Useful websites

**Diocesan Website - [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth)**

**Official Website - <http://rio2013.com/en>**

## I want to go! What do I do now?

- Complete the application form.
- Send the form with a deposit of £250 made payable to PRCDTR Youth Commission Summer School to Dave Hill, Advisor for Youth Ministry (address on back page)
- Spread the word!