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Press release

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 organizes International Preparatory Meeting in Fátima

The local organizer committee of WYD Lisbon 2023 will promote the International Preparatory Meeting from 17th to 19th of October in Fátima.

The meeting, that will take place in Centro Pastoral Paulo VI, will have its opening session on the 17th of October with the presence of the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life (DLFV), the Cardinal Farrell.

Bringing together teams from all Directorates of the Local Organizing Committee of WYD Lisbon 2023, representatives of Episcopal Conferences and Youth Ministry from around the world, as well as movements and congregations. The meeting aims to make known the organization of WYD Lisbon 2023, sharing the culture and identity of the country and city that will host the next world meeting of young people with the Pope.

Seeking to think together about WYD, the Preparatory International Meeting is an initiative of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life (DLFV) held in two editions, the first after a WYD in Rome, as the closing of the meeting and the launch of the next; and the second to take place about a year before each WYD, in the country/city where it will take place, in preparation for it.

The opening session of the IPM - *International Preparatory Meeting*, on the 17th, between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm, will be open to the media, upon registration to press@lisboa2023.org.



About WYD Lisbon 2023

Lisbon is the city chosen by Pope Francis for the next international edition of the World Youth Day, which will take place between August 1 and 6, 2023.

The international editions of the WYD are a religious and cultural event that brings together hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world for about a week.

WYDs were born upon the initiative of Pope John Paul II, after the success of the meeting held in 1985 in Rome, during the International Year of Youth.

The first edition happened in 1986, in Rome. WYD has already happened on the following cities: Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago de Compostela (1989), Czestochowa (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997), Rome (2000), Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005), Sidney (2008), Madrid (2011), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Krakow (2016) and Panamá (2019).

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