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Save the date! We're going to Madrid for World Youth Day

World Youth Day plans a part of diocesan centennial celebration

The Diocese of Des Moines is organizing a pilgrimage for young adults to the next World Youth Day, to be held in Madrid, Spain in 2011. Young people between the ages of 18 (by Aug. 10, 2011) and 35 are encouraged to save the date and plan on making this life-changing pilgrimage.

World Youth Day, Aug. 10-22, 2011, will come in the midst of the diocese's 100th anniversary celebration.

"This is a rare opportunity for local young adults to pilgrimage together. It's a chance to be a part of a massive, international gathering of more than 1 million Catholics celebrating their faith with Pope Benedict XVI," said Jason Kurth, vice-chancellor for the diocese and coordinator of the local organizing effort.

Several young adults from the Diocese of Des Moines traveled to the last World Youth Day celebration in Australia and said the events were inspiring.

"During the year 2011, our diocese will be reflecting on the faith foundation laid by previous generations. At the same time, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit and what the future holds," Kurth said. "World Youth Day is an excellent opportunity for the young Church to network, be inspired and grow in their faith. We hope they'll bring that excitement back to the Diocese of Des Moines."

The Diocese of Des Moines will offer an option of adding a pre-trip extension to the journey. Pricing and itinerary information will be made available in parishes throughout the diocese in the coming weeks. Information can also be accessed at www.dmdiocese.org by clicking on the Youth and Young Adult button.

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The Diocese of Des Moines is comprised of 82 parishes in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa.