

# WYD Info Sheet

## WYD 2023 THEME

“Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39)

## WYD Lisbon 2023 Official Theme Song

The World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 theme song, is entitled **“Há Pressa no Ar”**

The song, inspired on the WYD Lisbon 2023 theme, is about the ‘yes’ of Mary and about her rush to meet her cousin Elizabeth.



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## Age Requirement For Participants

18 years for Canadian participants as per CCCB (Conference of Canadian Catholic Bishops) guidelines.

## Important Dates

**July 26-31  
2023**

### Days in the Dioceses

The participants in the “Days in the Dioceses” will get to know the local Church, with its specificities, its people and its region. A program with five pillars is being prepared for this week: welcome, discovery, mission, culture and sending.

**August 1-6  
2023**

### World Youth Days LISBON

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.



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### MESSAGE From HOLY FATHER

Pope Francis’s message to young people preparing for World Youth Day in Lisbon in August 2023

## WYD 2023 LOGO

The logo of the WYD Lisbon 2023, inspired on the theme “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lc1, 39), has got the Cross as a main element. This is crossed by a path where the Holy Spirit arises.

It is an invitation for the young people so that they do not stand still and asking them to be the main characters in building a fairer and more fraternal world. The colours (green, red, and yellow) evoke the Portuguese flag.



### The Cross

The Christian Cross, sign of the infinite love of God for the Humankind, is the main element, where everything is born from.

### Path

The passage of the Visitation is the theme of the WYD Lisbon 2023, and it reveals us that Mary was ready to live according to God's will, being available to serve Elizabeth. This movement underlines the invitation made to the young people to renew their “inner strength, their dreams, the enthusiasm, the hope and the gratitude” (Christus Vivit, 20). Next to the path there is also a shape that evokes the Holy Spirit.

### Rosary

The choice of the rosary celebrates the spirituality of the Portuguese people in their devotion to Our Lady of Fátima. This is placed on the path to recall the pilgrimage experience which is so remarkable in Portugal.

### Mary

Mary is depicted as a young girl to represent the figure of the Gospel of Saint Luke (Lc 1, 39) and to enable a resemblance with the youngest. The drawing expresses the juvenility of her age, a characteristic of someone who was not a mother yet, but who is carrying the light of the world inside Her. This figure has a slight inclination, to show the compelled attitude of the Virgin Mary



We encourage you to choose 1 or 2 Patron Saints to accompany you on your WYD journey.

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