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[World Youth Day in Portugal 2023](#) More than 5,000 Canadian Youth are in Lisbon, Portugal to be with Pope Francis, from 1 to 6 August 2023. The Holy Father will join more than one million young people for World Youth Day (WYD), an international gathering of youth, organized by the Catholic Church.

The first international World Youth Day was held in 1986, **and the event was hosted by Canada in 2002**, with Pope Saint John Paul II making the pilgrimage to Toronto. "This is an opportunity for young people to celebrate their faith, meet other youth from around the world and to have a special encounter with Pope Francis. Over time, we have heard and seen the powerful experience that World Youth Day has been in the lives of so many Canadian youth and we expect that this year's pilgrimage will be no different.

It is a transformative and inspiring moment that they will cherish for years to come." Pope Francis will spend five days in Portugal, most of them in Lisbon, where he will meet university students, enjoy lunch with young people, pray with them and preside at Mass, while also making a stop in Fatima, one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the world.

Please pray for the success of these World Youth Days and follow the events on Salt and Light TV. Check the listings for days and times. You can also visit - www.wydcanda.org.

