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Young People from Canada to Gather in Rome for the Jubilee of Youth 2025

Ottawa, July 16, 2025 – The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is pleased to announce that a special gathering of young people from Canada will take place in Rome on Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at the church Santa Andrea dell Valle (Corso Vittorio Emanuele II 00186 Roma RM, Italy) during the Jubilee of Youth (28 July to 3 August 2025) organized as part of the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year celebrations.

The Jubilee of Youth will bring together thousands of young people from across the globe for a week of prayer, catechesis, cultural exchange, and joyful witness. This international pilgrimage invites young people to deepen their relationship with Christ and to be living signs of hope and communion in today's world.

An estimated **1,000 young people from across Canada** are expected to make the pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth. Many of these pilgrims, representing various dioceses and eparchies, as well as other national groups, movements and associations, will attend the special gathering of Canadian youth.

Several Bishops from Canada will be present at the events, joined by priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders accompanying the youth pilgrims.

The two-hour Canadian program will feature a youth-led welcome, a bilingual proclamation of Scripture, dynamic witness panels from youth and bishops, multicultural musical praise, small group faith sharing, and musical performances. The event will conclude with a commissioning prayer and symbolic sending forth, encouraging Canadian youth to continue their Jubilee pilgrimage with renewed purpose and joy.

The Catholic faithful across Canada are invited to pray for the young pilgrims, as they seek to deepen their relationship with Christ and with one another, offering a powerful witness to the Church's life and vitality in Canada and across the world.

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