

FYYA PLAYS ITS PART

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WORLD YOUTH DAY Looms Large as we prepare to participate in this exciting event scheduled from 11–21 August 2011 in Madrid, Spain! Days in the Diocese (11-14); Pilgrims arrive (15); Opening Mass (16); Catechesis sessions ending with Youth Festival events in the evening, including Stations of the Cross re-enactment on Friday night (17-19); Pilgrimage across Madrid for Evening Vigil with the Pope and a sleep out 'under the stars' (20); and finally, Mass celebrated by the Pope and a bit more Youth festival events (21). Wow! What a week and an half.

For our part, we are sponsoring two young adults who will be attending along with the group gathered by Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR (our very own CNSA TOR National Spiritual Ass't) from his university (Alvernia in Reading, PA).

We will also be assisting in the financial support for three teens (Mia, 16; Christo and Luca, 14) who will be traveling with our International Councilor, Anne Mulqueen, SFO. I'm sure that this will be an experience of a lifetime for these young people. I ask that you keep them and all who will be participating in the wonderful event in your prayers as they prepare for, travel to, and participate in this 12 International World Youth Day .

I would also like to bring to your attention (Particularly for those of you in or around Kennebunk, Maine) that Donna Potter, SFO is again coordinating the celebration of an annual Franciscan Day in September. I encourage any and all of those of you who might be able to attend to make the effort. International visitors from Lithuania will be attending and it will be a great opportunity to truly celebrate "A Franciscan Family Reunion!" If you are interested you may contact Donna directly at donnasfo@comcast.net or 603-692-4646.

And, finally,



KEEP YOUR RADAR ON!

