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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

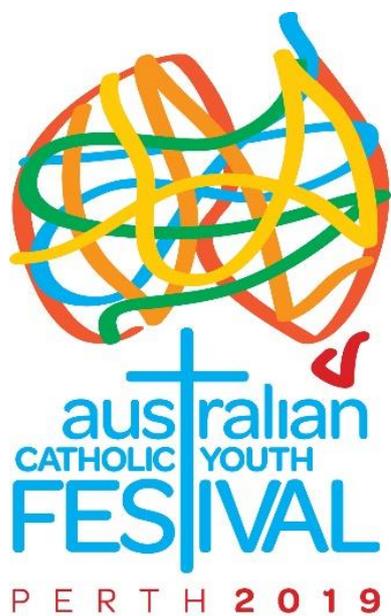
Information Pack



Council for Ministry
with Young People



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.



The youth festival is the largest gathering of young Catholics in Australia. In 2013 the first ever Australian Catholic Youth Festival was held and over 3250 youth gathered in Melbourne including 77 youth from our Diocese. In 2015 over 3500 young people made the pilgrimage to Adelaide and in 2017 200 youth from Maitland-Newcastle attended Sydney with 21,000 others

The Archdiocese of Perth is hosting the next ACYF from December 8th-10th 2019 on behalf of the ACBC running approximately 9.30am – 8.30pm each day. The diocesan contingent will depart on Thursday 5th December and return on Wednesday 11th December for participants choosing package A and Saturday 14th December for participants choosing package B. The festival is for young people in Year 9 this year to young adults up to 30 years of age.

THE FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE will include workshops, dialogue spaces, prayer experiences, live music, social justice activities and much more.

Workshops are broken into three categories:

- Listening – facilitated forums where young people discuss and voice opinions with leaders of Church communities;
- Formation – opportunities for young people to learn more about their own faith journey, Church teaching, or stories of faith in large mega workshops and smaller intimate spaces;
- Discernment – aimed at helping young people reflect on where to from here (vocations, mission, etc) and how to live out their lives as disciples of Jesus.

THE EXPO is the festival's global village. It provides an interactive space for participants to encounter the breadth of the Catholic Church of Australia in new and unexpected ways. It will be a hive of activity which young people will find themselves repeatedly exploring. The Expo will be characterized by engagement, connection, relationship and fun. The Expo is joined with the ACYF Food Hall presenting a unique opportunity to connect with other young people.

THE WORSHIP CENTER will be a space dedicated to prayer and worship, reconciliation, adoration and will be the site of four daily Masses incorporating different charisms of the church. It will include a main chapel, reconciliation space, adoration chapel, interactive prayer spaces and an accompaniment zone.

PLENARY is the time when the festival as a whole comes together to celebrate our faith through music, dancing, creative arts, prayer and worship.





OUR SPECIFIC PACKAGE PLAN

We have designed our pilgrimage through Harvest Journeys. Their management Team have developed a wonderful package structured around our plans. This festival for the first time we are offering two packages for consideration. Package B is an **optional addition** for over 18 participants only to undertake a post ACYF retreat opportunity. The outline of our two package options are:

PACKAGE A

Day 1 - Thursday 5th December: Overnight accommodation at Sydney Airport (due to early flights)

Day 2 - Friday 6th December: Travel day Sydney – Perth with an afternoon to explore Perth city

Day 3 - Saturday 7 December: Free day in Perth and pre festival gatherings

Day 4 - Sunday 8 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Day 5 - Monday 9 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Day 6 - Tuesday 10 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Day 7 - Wednesday 11 December: Travel Day Perth - Sydney

INDICATIVE PRICING & INCLUSIONS

\$1653.00 per person

The above price INCLUDES the following:

- 1 nights pre accommodation at Sydney Airport including breakfast
- Economy class direct airfare Sydney – Perth return
- Breakfast daily
- 5 nights apartment accommodation in central Perth
- Return Airport coach transfers in Perth
- ACYF Food package during the Festival (\$90.00 pp)
- ACYF Perth Registration fee & Harvest Administration / Management

PACKAGE B – Optional to over 18's only)

Day 1 - Thursday 5th December: Overnight accommodation at Sydney Airport (due to early flights)

Day 2 - Friday 6th December: Travel day Sydney – Perth with an afternoon to explore Perth city

Day 3 - Saturday 7 December: Free day in Perth and pre festival gatherings

Day 4 - Sunday 8 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Day 5 - Monday 9 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Day 6 - Tuesday 10 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Day 7 - Wednesday 11 December: Free day in Perth and travel to retreat venue

Day 8 - Thursday 12th December: Retreat

Day 9 - Friday 13th December: Retreat

Day 10 - Saturday 14th December - Travel Day Perth - Sydney

INDICATIVE PRICING & INCLUSIONS

\$2,088.00 per person (Including retreat centre meal package)

The above price INCLUDES the following:

- 1 night's pre accommodation at Sydney Airport including breakfast
- Economy class direct airfare Sydney – Perth return
- Breakfast daily
- 5 nights apartment accommodation in central Perth
- 3 nights Retreat accommodation at St John of God Retreat Centre and return transfers including breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Return Airport coach transfers in Perth
- ACYF Food package during the Festival (\$90.00 pp)
- ACYF Perth Registration fee & Administration / Management





SUPERVISION for under 18's will be provided by the Diocesan Steering Committee, teachers and other adults appointed by the diocese. The Festival Coordinator will ensure that there is adequate supervision at all times. In line with the policy and procedures of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and State and Federal law, each adult supervisor, leader and teacher will be required to provide a Working with Children Check number (WWCC).

ACCOMODATION We have booked accommodation during the festival at Regal Apartments in East Perth roughly a 35min walk to the PCEC. Participants will be in 2/3 share apartment style accommodation. For over 18's staying on for the optional post ACYF retreat we have secured the St John of God Retreat center just outside of Perth.

REGISTRATION

You can register at the below link or by viewing our diocesan website at www.mn.catholic.org.au and following the links – Church and Mission – Youth – ACYF

<https://harvest.eventsair.com/acyf19mn/booking/>

- For all individuals that register and are approved by the Diocese, a non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is payable to Harvest at the time of registration by pilgrims.
- Full balance of payment must be received no later than 2nd September 2019

FORMATION DAYS as part of the preparation for ACYF19 we would like to gather pilgrims for two formation sessions before leaving for ACYF as an opportunity to prepare with each other for the festival, familiarize ourselves with fellow pilgrims and for the steering committee to brief you with information regarding our pilgrimage.

Formation dates: October 26th, 2pm-5pm
November 16th 2pm-5:30pm

Formation days will be held in the Toohey Room at the Diocesan offices, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West.

“My faith was definitely strengthened. Before attending ACYF I always thought that even though I am Christian I didn’t necessarily need to tell anyone, but now I am more willing to share my faith with others.”

-Sean Dash

LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING

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