

IGNITE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY – WYD 2011 – GROUP EXPECTATIONS

We are happy and excited that you are joining the Archdiocese of Detroit with Ignite Young Adult Ministry for World Youth Day 2011! This Ignite Young Adult Group expectation list has been developed to help ensure that the pilgrims traveling with Ignite have the best possible group and individual pilgrimage experience. World Youth Day can be a very physically taxing experience. So although you may be aware of your own physical limitations, WYD may be more taxing than anything you've ever experienced before. This list was developed keeping in mind that we are all adults and responsible for our own behavior while also recognizing that we will be traveling as a pilgrim group and setting an example for the other Archdiocesan groups of teens that will be around us. In addition, this list helps to ensure that you get the most out this experience. We expect everyone in our group to have a healthy, spiritual and fulfilling learning experience at World Youth Day 2011. Always remember that this is a pilgrimage, not a vacation, and all expectations will reflect this pilgrimage aspect.

You must be 21 years of age by August 12, 2011 in order to travel with Ignite Young Adult Ministry to World Youth Day 2011. The Ignite Young Adult Ministry pilgrim group is not meant to take the place of parish groups attending World Youth Day. If you have the opportunity to travel with your parish community as a participant or chaperone, we encourage you to do so.

All of these guidelines will help to ensure a healthy experience, emotionally, physically and spiritually, for all our participants. World Youth Day can be a very physically taxing experience, more than you may have ever experienced, please remember this while you are making choices at World Youth Day. The choices you make will affect our entire pilgrimage group.

1. Ignite Pilgrims take part in World Youth Day as representatives of their parish and/or the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please remember that it is important to exhibit responsible behavior as young adults as we are to be setting an example for other pilgrims around us.
2. You must wear your WYD Credentials and carry a copy of the picture page of your passport at all times.
3. You are expected to participate in all World Youth Day events that we decide to participate in as a group culminating with the World Youth Day Vigil and Mass. This includes the daily morning catechesis sessions.
4. You are expected to attend morning catechesis and large World Youth Day events with the entire Ignite group. In order to be respectful of everyone's time and experience traveling with us, we expect you to arrive on time and in the designated meeting location in order to travel to these events as a group.
5. Ignite Young Adult Group will be gathering as a group for reflection and prayer each evening. This will most often be at the hotel when we come back from World Youth Day events. Ignite Group members are expected to participate in all of these evening sessions, even if you plan to go out afterwards.
6. Decisions you make will have consequences on the entire Ignite Group. You may need to forfeit certain things for the betterment of the group experience.
7. There is no curfew for Ignite pilgrims; however, we expect that you will attend all morning catechesis and other World Youth Day activities no matter what time you come back to the hotel. It is recommended that you come back to the hotel by 1am or earlier (The Archdiocese of Detroit has a 12am to 6:30am curfew for other groups traveling with them). Also, in order to be respectful of other hotel guests, roommates and other Ignite pilgrims who come home earlier, noise and visiting in the sleeping areas should be kept at a minimum.
8. You should never be travelling or going out alone. For your safety, we require that you are with at least one other Ignite pilgrim anywhere you decide to go, however, we recommend that you are with at least 3 people.
9. Being a young adult group, we recognize some of our pilgrims will be married, engaged or dating someone else traveling with us. As a Catholic group on pilgrimage, only married couples will be permitted to be coed roommates. In addition, please be respectful of group members who do not have their significant other traveling with them or who are single, by minimizing public displays of affection.
10. The use of drugs is strictly prohibited.
11. When consuming alcohol, please exhibit responsible drinking habits (for example, a couple glasses of wine or beers with dinner.) If you would not be able to drive home from wherever you are safely and legally (even though you would never be driving at World Youth Day), then you have had too much to drink. Ignite pilgrims are expected to be at events in the morning (not hungover) and not to come back to the hotel intoxicated.
12. Tobacco users who are over 18 may use tobacco products only when not infringing on another's comfort level.
13. No one is permitted to give, lend or sell tobacco products to minors or give, lend or sell alcohol to participants under 21. We want to respect the laws of the United States and guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit while at World Youth Day.

Print Name _____

Pilgrim Signature _____ **Date** _____