



WORLD YOUTH DAY

Lisboa 2023 – In Claretian Family

1. What is WYD+fc?

A WORLD ENCOUNTER of YOUTH of the CLARETIAN FAMILY, around the WORLD YOUTH DAY, convoked by Pope Francis in Lisbon, convened by the Claretian Family of Europe.

2. Why?

Because, as the Pope said on April 5, 2020, the Church calls us to "walk together", to travel, to confront ourselves with places and faces never seen before, to live new experiences. Because we want to share our "experience of Jesus with other peoples and nations". Because in a world where "there is often connection" we want there to be communication as well. Because we have to "make a mess", and give witness of our faith to other young people and to the whole world. And because we are fortunate to be able to celebrate it with many young people who walk in the footsteps of Claret, shouting to the world, God is love.

3. For whom?

For our WORLD YOUTH ENCOUNTER we are inviting young people from the age of 16 (born in 2007). The average age of participants is expected to be between 16 and 25 years old.

4. Where and when? (*)

In Carvalhos (10 km from Porto), where we will stay for the initial meeting. In Agualva-Cacém (20 km from Lisbon), where our headquarters will be during the days of WYD, and where we will have the final meeting. Both places have communities of Claretian missionaries and good transport communications.

<p>INICIAL ENCOUNTER Carvalhos</p> <p>For 3 days, in the Claretian zone of Porto (Portugal).</p> <p><i>We will meet to share what unites us as CLARETIAN FAMILY.</i></p>	<p>WYD 2023 Lisboa</p> <p>For 6 days, in Lisbon, World Youth Day</p> <p><i>We will participate in WYD 2023, with young people from all over the world</i> https://www.lisboa2023.org/</p>	<p>FINAL ENCOUNTER Agualva-Cacém</p> <p>After the end of WYD, in Cacém we will have 2 days in FAMILY.</p> <p><i>We will share, evaluate, and dream of new ways to walk the road with Claret.</i> #claret_way</p>
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*Official dates remain unknown.

5. Next steps?

From January 2022 we expect to have more information about the WYD+fc programme, as well as about costs and registration processes.

LETTER OF CONVOCATION

WORLD YOUTH MEETING of the CLARETIAN FAMILY WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon 2023

"Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1: 39)

Dear brothers and sisters:
A cordial greeting.

In 1984, Pope John Paul II introduced the celebration of World Youth Day (WYD). The latest celebrations were held in Krakow 2016 (Poland) and in Panama 2019 (Panama), with the presence of Pope Francis. The city of Lisbon was chosen to host the next WYD in July/August 2023.

In previous celebrations, many young people of the Claretian Family participated, linked in various ways to each of its branches and structures.

For this reason, the branches of the Claretian Family present in Europe, propose that on the occasion of the WYD Lisbon 2023 all our young people participate together as the Claretian Family, taking part both in the common events of the WYD, as well as in the encounters organised expressly to share and grow in our missionary charism, transmitted by Saint Anthony Mary Claret.

In order to prepare the encounters and the reception of those who will attend the WYD in 2023, from the PJV+fc of Europe and from Claret_Way (World Network of Claretian Youth +18), we have already started to work on the programming and promotion.

We invite you to start raising awareness, inviting others and making preparations in your own places, in your Congregations, Institutes and Movements, so that together we can achieve a significant and well-organised participation.

Attached to this letter is the initial announcement, with the basic details of the proposal, which will be completed with more details as the WYD organisers provide them to us.

From the beginning, we entrust this meeting and its missionary fruits to the Heart of Mary, our Mother. We hope that this universal experience will be a beautiful occasion to renew our experience and commitment as followers of Jesus in the style of Claret.

See you soon.



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