



# **Online Kick-off Meeting for the Implementation Phase Follow-up Document**

WYD Seoul 2027 Local Organizing Committee

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## **Recap of Our Online Kick-off Meeting (March 5, 2026)**



## Recap of Our Online Kick-off Meeting (I)

*Thank you for joining the Online Kick-off Meeting for the Implementation Phase of WYD Seoul 2027. The meeting offered an inspiring overview of our shared path ahead and key practical information for the next stage of preparation.*

### The meeting included:

- Introduction by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
- Message from the LOC President, Archbishop Peter Soon-taick Chung
- Remarks from the LOC General Coordinator, Bishop Paul Kyung-Sang Lee
- WYD Seoul 2027 Introduction Video (Watch on  YouTube : [CLICK!](#) )
- Pilgrimage of the WYD Symbols & Invitation on the Move
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## Recap of Our Online Kick-off Meeting (II) - Introduction by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

*In his opening remarks, Fr. Franco Galdino, Coordinator of the Youth Area of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, emphasized that the path toward WYD Seoul 2027 must be marked by shared responsibility, dialogue, and pastoral collaboration.*



"As a Dicastery, it is our mission to express the Church's particular concern for young people by serving the Episcopal Conferences and International Associations of the Faithful. We do this through listening, dialogue, and the promotion of pastoral guidelines capable of responding to the concrete reality of the new generations. For this reason, **today we do not simply want to convey information, but to strengthen a common journey.**"

"The purpose of this meeting is twofold: first, **to provide an update on the progress and give as much information as possible** at this stage of preparation; second, **to listen to you**, who are the main collaborators in this process, in order to gather impressions, suggestions, and questions that will be useful in preparing the next steps together.



## Recap of Our Online Kick-off Meeting (III) - Message from the LOC President

*Archbishop Peter Chung, President of the WYD Seoul 2027 LOC, warmly invited the Churches of the world to send their young people to Seoul, presenting WYD Seoul 2027 as an encounter that can renew lives in faith, hospitality, and hope.*



"Today, I come with a respectful yet heartfelt request:

**In 2027, please send your young people to Seoul!**

It will not be merely a trip. It will not be simply a large-scale event. An encounter awaits them in Seoul—an encounter with the one God, discovered in the faces of young people from every nation. It is an encounter that can change the direction of a life."

"So I ask you: please send your young people to Seoul. Do not send them merely as representatives of your dioceses, but commission them on a journey that can renew their lives. Seoul will be ready. We will welcome them with prayer, with hospitality, and with fervent faith."

\*Archbishop Chung's presentation slides: [CLICK!](#)



## Recap of Our Online Kick-off Meeting (IV) - With Gratitude for Your Presence

*250+ of You Joined Us — Wow!*



*Seeing so many faces from around the world reminded us that WYD Seoul 2027 is already being built in communion, faith, and hope.*



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## **WYD Seoul 2027 Website - Resources for Preparation & Promotion**





# WYD Seoul 2027 Website - Resources for Preparation and Promotion (I)



The official WYD Seoul 2027 website (<https://wydseoul.org/>) is a central hub for information, formation, and ongoing updates. It is available in **Korean, English, Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese.**

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Youth from Seoul and around the world united in the Holy Spirit

The main logo of WYD Seoul 2027 features "Seoul," the capital city of Korea, in traditional Korean calligraphy.

Utilizing traditional brush script and gracefully combining Hangeul, characterized by its geometric forms, with the letters W, Y, and D. This coexistence of Seoul and WYD shows our hope for a harmonious convergence of





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Loving Lord of all young people,  
we thank you for inviting us into your infinite love and mercy.

Our Father, we entrust ourselves to you.  
May young people everywhere be comforted in the embrace of your Church,  
and come to share deeply in the joy of communion and unity.

Lord Jesus Christ, you overcome the world, both now and forever.  
May all people discover the hope that lies in your call to take courage,  
realizing that the cross of love and forgiveness is the true victory over the world.

Oh Holy Spirit, Flame of Love,  
by your wondrous hand  
you have sown the seeds of faith in Korea.  
Kindle the flame of the Korean martyrs' faith in our hearts,  
making us into disciples who live out the gospel of peace, love, and truth.



Take courage! I have overcome the world.  
Jn 16:33



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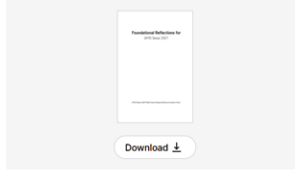
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Foundational Reflections for WYD Seoul 2027

This document explains the theological and pastoral foundation for WYD, covering its essence and history, the Korean Church and synodality, the characteristics of youth ministry in the Korean Church, and the pastoral goals for WYD Seoul 2027. Just as the Korean Church began under the leadership of laity, we are inspired today by the spirit of synodality to seek a renewed direction for the Church in Korea through WYD.



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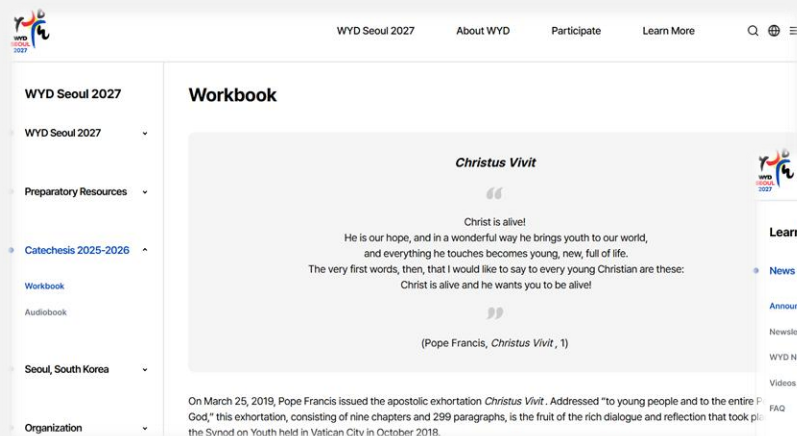


# WYD Seoul 2027 Website - Resources for Preparation and Promotion (II)

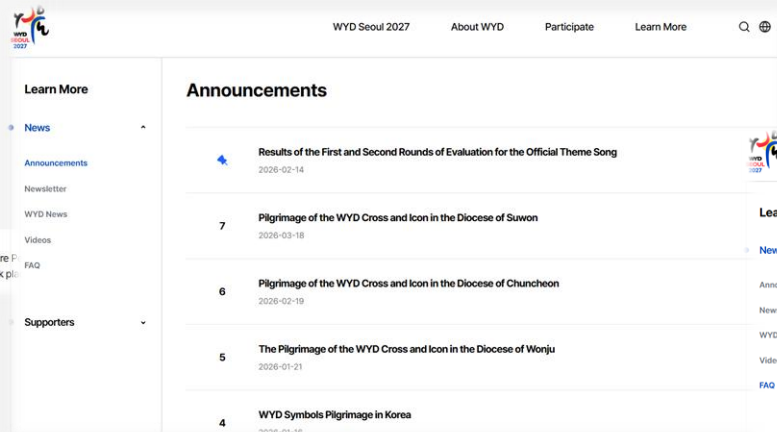


*The website also provides practical and catechetical resources to help bishops' conferences, movements, communities, and pilgrims prepare fruitfully for WYD Seoul 2027.*

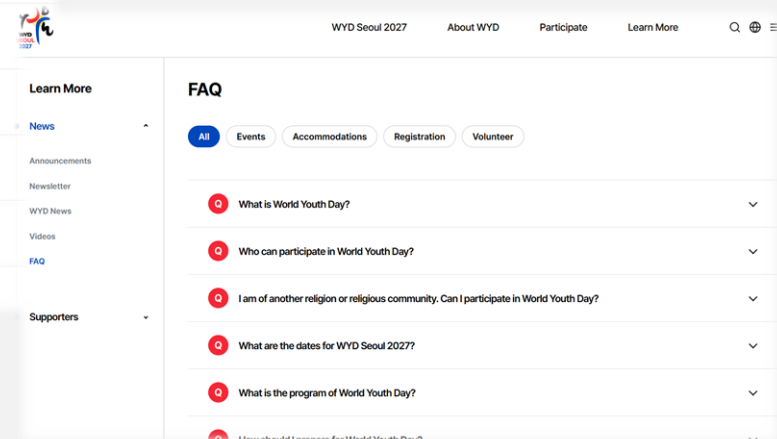
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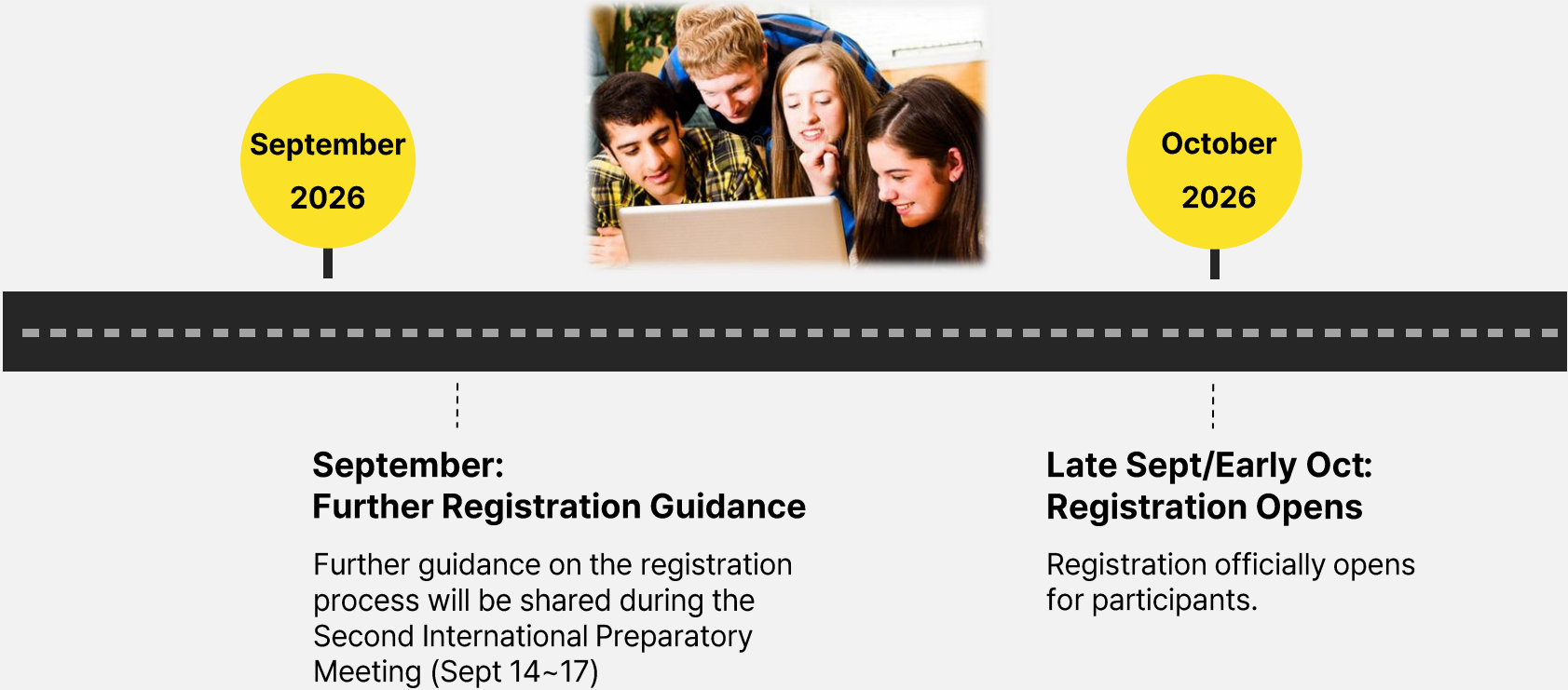
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# Registration – Key Timeline

*We are currently preparing for the official registration process for WYD Seoul 2027. Key guidance will be shared in September, with registration expected to open in October 2026.*



# Pilgrim Packages (I) - Package Types Overview

The table below outlines the current pilgrim package types, including covered dates, duration, included items, and contribution levels. These contribution levels do not include the Solidarity Fund contribution, for which all young people will be invited to make an additional voluntary contribution during registration.

| Package Type |              | Included Items |      |       |           |     | Included Period |                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | Total Days | Seoul Package Contribution Levels (USD) |  |  |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|------|-------|-----------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------------|-----------------------------------------|--|--|
|              |              | ACCOM          | MEAL | TRANS | Insurance | KIT |                 | World Youth Day |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |            |                                         |  |  |
|              |              |                |      |       |           |     | 8/1             | 8/2             | 8/3 | 8/4 | 8/5 | 8/6 | 8/7 | 8/8 | 8/9 | 8/10 |            |                                         |  |  |
|              |              |                |      |       |           |     | Sun             | Mon             | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue  |            |                                         |  |  |
| A            | A1           | ○              | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 | ○               | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   |      | 8          | 310\$                                   |  |  |
|              | A1+(1 Aug.)  | ○              | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   | ○               | ○               | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   |      | 9          | 340\$                                   |  |  |
|              | A1+(10 Aug.) | ○              | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 | ○               | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○    | 9          | 340\$                                   |  |  |
|              | A2           |                | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 | ○               | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   |     |      | 7          | 270\$                                   |  |  |
|              | A3           | ○              |      | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 | ○               | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   |      | 8          | 240\$                                   |  |  |
|              | A4           |                |      | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 |                 | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   |     |      | 6          | 130\$                                   |  |  |
| B            | B1           | ○              | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 |                 |     |     |     | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   |      | 4          | 170\$                                   |  |  |
|              | B1+          | ○              | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 |                 |     |     |     | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○   | ○    | 5          | 190\$                                   |  |  |
|              | B2           |                | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 |                 |     |     |     | ○   | ○   | ○   |     |      | 3          | 130\$                                   |  |  |
| C            | C1           |                |      | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 |                 |     |     |     |     | ○   | ○   |     |      | 2          | 70\$                                    |  |  |
|              | C2           |                | ○    | ○     | ○         | ○   |                 |                 |     |     |     |     | ○   | ○   |     |      | 2          | 80\$                                    |  |  |

Solidarity Fund contribution not included. Please see p.15 for more details.

WYD Seoul 2027 Pilgrim Package – Participation Contribution



## Pilgrim Packages (II) - Key Considerations for Package Pricing



### Contribution Levels

- Contribution levels were set with reference to previous WYDs, taking into account the differences in cost of living between the previous host country and Korea, as well as projected inflation from 2023 to 2027.
- Adjusted for Korea's cost of living and projected inflation through 2027, the 2023 Portugal contribution level would point to an increase of about 15%. However, in light of the spirit of WYD, the final increase was kept to around 10%.



### Meal & Accommodation

- Lunch and dinner are included; on the arrival day, only dinner is provided. A meal kit will also be provided for the overnight vigil and closing Mass.
- For packages that include accommodation, breakfast is also provided.
- Accommodation will be offered through options such as shared lodging, parish halls, homestays...etc.



### Transportation & Insurance

- The package includes access to public transportation in Seoul, including buses and the subway.
- Personal accident insurance and liability insurance are also included.



### Kit

- The pilgrim kit is expected to be similar in composition to those provided at previous WYDs.

*During registration, participants will be invited to make an additional voluntary contribution of \$15 as a shared way for all young people to support the WYD Solidarity Fund.*

## Why?

- To help more young people take part in WYD Seoul 2027
- To make solidarity a concrete and shared part of the WYD journey

## Who It Supports?

- Young people from countries or communities with limited financial resources
- Young people facing particular hardship, including those affected by conflict
- Further details on the fund's use and criteria will be shared in due course

## How?

- A **\$15 solidarity contribution** will be included in the registration contribution
- This shared contribution will help build the WYD Solidarity Fund and support wider participation





# Second International Preparatory Meeting - Save the Date!

*The Second International Preparatory Meeting will be an important opportunity to share updates, offer practical guidance, and continue building our collaboration for WYD Seoul 2027.*

## Event details

- Date: September 14 (Mon.) – 17 (Thu.), 2026
- Venue: Nest Hotel, Incheon, Korea

### What to Expect

- Further information on registration
- Updates on pilgrim packages
- Practical guidance for the next phase of preparation
- Time for exchange, discussion, and collaboration

|           | 9/13 (Sun)          | 9/14 (Mon)                             | 9/15 (Tue)                             | 9/16 (Wed)                                           | 9/17 (Thu)      |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Morning   |                     | Mass Breakfast Session 1 (DLFL)        | Mass Breakfast Session 4               | Breakfast Move to Seoul Venue Visit 1                | Breakfast       |
| Afternoon | Arrival and Welcome | Lunch Session 2 Coffee Break Session 3 | Lunch Session 5 Coffee Break Session 6 | Lunch Venue Visit 2 Venue Visit 3 Mass K-Performance | Move to Airport |
| Evening   | Dinner Break        | Dinner K-Culture Night                 | Dinner DID Expo                        | Banquet Back to Lodging                              |                 |

We look forward to welcoming you to Korea and continuing this journey together!

# Together Toward WYD Seoul 2027

*Thank you for your presence, collaboration, and support.*

*We look forward to continuing this shared journey in faith, hope, and joy.*



For further questions or coordination, please feel free to contact the Global Relations Division: [global@wydseoul.org](mailto:global@wydseoul.org)