



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



Experience the global Church firsthand amidst the unique and vibrant story of Catholicism in Korea. From remarkable saints, bustling markets, and moving shrines to Mass with the Pope and sleeping under the stars, join millions of Catholic young people in this worldwide encounter and celebration. You'll never experience God, the Church, or your faith the same way again.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is this trip for?

- World Youth Day is an international gathering that brings young people together from around the world. Young Adults from the Diocese of San Diego must be 21-39.

Why a pilgrimage?

- Pilgrimages provide dedicated time away from the distractions of everyday life, allowing us to focus more on how the Lord is working in our lives, engage in reflection, spend quality time in prayer, and spiritually recharge.
- Visiting these sacred places, shrines, and cultural sites will provide a tangible connection to our Catholic faith, allowing us to encounter Christ, the saints, and the Church in unique ways.

Why with a group?

- Traveling on a pilgrimage with others can deepen your own spiritual experience. Praying as a group, reflecting on the day with fellow pilgrims, and even sharing a meal together can lead to both personal and communal spiritual growth.
- Our travel group will include young adult pilgrims from: Bon Secours Young Adults, The Diocese of San Diego, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Diocese of Wilmington.
- Additionally, our group will also include religious sisters from: the United States, Peru, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and France.

When is World Youth Day?

- Our pilgrimage will take place from July 31 to August 10, 2027, which will include World Youth Day events August 3-August 8

What is Seoul like?

- Seoul is a fast-paced, highly modern city where cutting-edge technology, efficient infrastructure, and vibrant urban life exist alongside deep-rooted traditions, historic palaces, and a strong cultural identity.
- August is the hottest and most humid time of year in Seoul. Average temperatures are roughly 72–87°F, but it often feels hotter due to humidity. Expect frequent humidity, periods of rain, and the possibility of storms.
- South Korea is widely considered a very safe country for travelers, including international pilgrims. It has low violent crime rates, strong infrastructure, and reliable public transportation.

What's Included in the Pilgrim Package?

- Verso Pilgrimage Director
- Korean-speaking Tour Escort
- Accommodations in centrally-located hotels - double, triple, or quad-occupancy rooms, including taxes
- Breakfast daily at lodging, Welcome/Farewell Dinners, and WYD meal vouchers
- WYD registration fees
- Fundraising Resources
- Preparation meetings (in-person and via Zoom) for all pilgrims to review itinerary, activities, logistical arrangements, and spiritual preparations

What is NOT included in the Pilgrim Package?

- Roundtrip airfare from the U.S. to South Korea
- Airport/hotel transfer in South Korea
- Passport or luggage fees
- Any personal purchases
- Any meals not indicated on itinerary

How will traveling to Seoul from the US work?

- Pilgrims will need to select and purchase their flights individually, as they are not included in our Pilgrim Package.
- Arrange to land in Seoul on Sunday, August 1, 2027 in the morning or early afternoon. Our scheduled itinerary will begin with a group Mass and dinner on Sunday afternoon/evening. Please plan ahead to allow yourself time to adjust to the time difference and freshen up upon arrival.
- Pilgrims who opt to arrive in Seoul earlier than August 1 will need to book their own overnight accommodations and will be responsible for meals and any additional costs.

What travel documents do I need?

- Every pilgrim will need a valid passport that is valid at least until February 11, 2028
- Everyone will be required to purchase travel insurance - more info to come.

How will we get around in Seoul?

- Pilgrims will be responsible for their own transportation between the airport and hotel on travel days - the train from the airport to downtown can cost between \$4 and \$10 USD.
- During scheduled itinerary events, our group will use public transportation or will walk.
- Pilgrims may use public transportation or rideshares for any free time excursions.

How much does it cost?

- The investment for our Pilgrim Package is \$3,169 USD.
- The Single Room fee (to have your own hotel room) is an additional \$1,149 per person.
- Fundraising resources are included, however, scholarships are not available.
- Payment may be completed all at once, or with a monthly payment plan.

When is the deadline to register?

- All pilgrims from the Diocese of San Diego should register by August 31, 2026. Late registrations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- To secure your space, apply with the instructions below. Approved pilgrims will receive a private registration link and must submit a deposit to formally register.

HOW TO APPLY

DISCERN

- Prayerfully consider if this pilgrimage is a good fit for you at this time

APPLY

- Use the QR code to fill out our application:



REGISTER

- Once accepted, you'll receive a direct link to register
- Pilgrims can pay all at once or in monthly increments

PREPARE

- Participate in our Pre-Pilgrimage events and webinars
- Pursue prayer & reflection to spiritually prepare

QUESTIONS? Email yamsd@sdcatholic.org

