



World Youth Day 2008

FACT SHEET

Days in the Diocese

Days in the Dioceses is held during the four day lead up to World Youth Day week from the 10 to 14 July, 2008.

The event will take place in 28 dioceses in Australia and 5 dioceses in New Zealand and involves pilgrims visiting local churches for workshops. The purpose of the workshops is to facilitate a cultural exchange in the context of faith.

The workshops are organised by the dioceses and often include:

- Meetings with the local Church community
- Cultural activities and visits to local sites of interest
- Prayer and visits to shrines
- Social service project

Days in the Diocese has the added benefits of allowing pilgrims to see other parts of Australia and New Zealand and bringing WYD08 to local communities around Australia.

Dioceses in Australia

In the Roman Catholic Church a 'diocese' is a portion of Roman Catholic people within a geographical area governed by a bishop who is assisted by auxiliary bishops, priests, and deacons. In the Roman Catholic Church an important diocese, governed by an Archbishop is called an archdiocese (due to size, historical significance, or both).

Within Australia the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy is made of Archdioceses and diocese. Each diocese has a Bishop, while each Archdiocese is served by an Archbishop.

There are several archdioceses in Australia including the archdiocese of Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra & Goulburn, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is responsible for the suffragan dioceses of Armidale, Bathurst, Broken Bay, Lismore, Maitland-Newcastle, Parramatta, Wagga Wagga, Wilcannia-Forbes and Wollongong.

William Bernard Ullathorne (1806-1889) was instrumental in influencing Pope Gregory XVI to establish the hierarchy in Australia. Ullathorne was in Australia from 1833-1836 as vicar-general to Bishop William Morris (1794-1872), whose jurisdiction extended over the Australian missions.

Australia has three living members of the College of Cardinals, including the current Archbishop of Sydney, George Cardinal Pell, Edward Cardinal Clancy and Edward Cardinal Cassidy.

Australian Dioceses participating in Days of the Diocese

Archdiocese of Adelaide
Diocese of Armidale
Diocese of Ballarat
Diocese of Bathurst
Diocese of Broome
Diocese of Broken Bay
Diocese of Bunbury
Diocese of Cairns
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archdiocese of Hobart
Diocese of Darwin
Diocese of Geraldton
Diocese of Lismore
Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Maronite
Diocese of St Maroun of Sydney

Melkite - Eparchy of Saint Michael, the Archangel
Archdiocese of Melbourne
Military Ordinariate of Australia
Diocese of Port Pirie
Diocese of Rockhampton
Diocese of Sale
Diocese of Sandhurst
Diocese of Toowoomba
Diocese of Townsville
Ukrainian - Eparchy of Saints Peter & Paul
Diocese of Wagga Wagga
Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes
Diocese of Wollongong

Details of the Days in the Dioceses program can be found at www.wyd2008.org