

# GENERAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

## GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 20, 2022



### The Global Celebration

At the end of Mass on the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 22, 2020, Pope Francis called for a renewal of the global celebration of young people in the local churches in every diocese and eparchy. He also announced that, beginning in 2021, he would "transfer the diocesan celebration of WYD from Palm Sunday to Christ the King Sunday." The center of the celebration remains the Mystery of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of Man, as Saint John Paul II, the initiator and patron of WYD, always emphasized."

### Celebration in the United States

The global Catholic Church calls this annual celebration "World Youth Day" to remind people that every year is an opportunity to celebrate and accompany young people. However, because the term "World Youth Day" is often associated with the major international event that has taken place every two or three years since 1985, we in the United States refer to the Christ the King Sunday experience as the "Global Celebration of Young People."

The normative local implementation of the Global Celebration of Young People should take place on the Solemnity of Christ the King in the liturgical calendar year (as outlined by the Holy See), it can be adapted to suit local norms and customs in each parish, campus, or community. It is highly recommended that the celebration take place within a few weeks prior to or following Christ the King Sunday to maintain the vital solidarity with the universal Church and the Holy Father.

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with haste" (Lk 1:39)

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### Cornerstone Experiences of the Global Celebration

- Give young people a festival of faith experience
- Help young people have an experience of Church.
- Provide young people with a missionary experience.
- Offer young people an opportunity for vocational discernment.
- Accompany young people on an experience of pilgrimage.
- Open young people to an experience of universal fraternity

### Resources to Help You Plan

- [Pope Francis Message](#) for World Youth Day/Global Celebration
- [Abbreviated Guidebook](#), is a quick start guide with many practical suggestions for parishes, schools and more!
- [USCCB National Pastoral Guidebook for the Global Celebration of Young People](#), is available in English and Spanish. This resource offers a full outline of ways to prepare for the celebration on Christ the King and to recognize young people all year long.
- [Christ the King Liturgical Guide](#), is available in English and Spanish. Provides suggestions for celebrating the Global Celebration in context of the Christ the King Sunday Liturgy.

**Resources available for FREE at** <https://www.usccb.org/topics/world-youth-day/annual-celebration>

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### Prayer of the Faithful for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (suggestions)

- For the Holy Father and all leaders of the Church, that they may genuinely accompany the faithful, especially youth and young adults, in service to Christ the King.
- For youth and young adults of all nations, cultures, and races, that under the guidance of Christ, King of the Universe, they may aspire to become protagonists of transformation and peace.
- For young people on the margins of society, for those suffering in body and mind, and for those who are lost and alone, that they may find the concrete support of a loving community of faith.
- For this community and for parishes, missions, campus ministries, organizations, and schools around the world, that we may continue to engage and accompany the young people we encounter.
- For the faithful departed who are beloved by young people in our community, that their memory may be a guide and blessing for all generations that follow them.

**Additional suggestions can be found on pages 8-11 of the USCCB "Christ the King Sunday Liturgical Guide"**  
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/usccb-christ-the-king-guidebook-section3.pdf>

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### Special Blessing

Consider offering a blessing over young people present in the assembly, either as a conclusion to the Prayer of the Faithful (Universal Prayer) in lieu of the concluding prayer or as a closing blessing for the Mass.

#### (Suggestion)

"God of power and might, We ask your blessing upon these young people. May they continue to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Bless their endeavors and actions, that they may be a blessing to their peers. Open their minds to your wisdom, open their hearts to your love, and open their hands to transform their world toward the Kingdom of God. And for all of us, O Lord, grant a willing spirit to walk with them. Fill us with the words to say as we teach and guide them, and give us the ears to hear as we listen and learn from them, too. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. "