



# Franciscan Family



Madrid/Rome, April 17, 2011  
Palm Sunday

To all members of the Franciscan Family in the world

Dear brothers and sisters:

May the Lord give you peace!

We are contacting you to inform you about the new developments regarding the programming for the Franciscan Family for the next World Youth Day 2011. As you already know, it will be a historic event - for the first time the youth across the Franciscan family in the world will meet together. For this reason we expect a massive response to the proposed activities.

Attached is the final program (attachment n. 1) as well as the logo (attachment n. 2) that has been designed for the occasion. These, along with other relevant information, may also be found on the following website:

[www.ff2011jmi.org](http://www.ff2011jmi.org)

We would also like to share the following information with you:

## **1. Registration**

As we mentioned in the previous letter, it is desirable that Franciscan groups register directly, as an independent group, in the World Youth Day ([www.madrid11.com](http://www.madrid11.com)). The World Youth Day organizers will then be able to situate us together for the main events (vigil and closing Mass). If any group completes its registration through a diocese or a conference of national bishops it may not be able to share those moments with the rest of the Franciscan family.

Once you have registered for WYD each group should send an e-mail containing the following information:

- Group code (assigned by WYD at the time of registration)
- Number of participants
- Name of leader

to this address: [gmg2011ff@gmail.com](mailto:gmg2011ff@gmail.com)

Through the groups' codes, we will make the invitation to form a coalition of groups that WYD calls a 'Preferred group link'. You will receive a single invitation from group "**Famiglia Francescana**" that you must accept in order to join the union of Franciscan groups. Please do not accept other invitations or make invitations to other groups, since all will be channeled through the main group.

The amalgamation of groups also makes it possible for the groups applying for the package A1, which includes accommodation directly managed by the WYD, to be as close as possible to the Basilica of San Francisco el Grande – the center of our activities during the week.

We can only guarantee the union of groups that complete this process before May 31.

## **2. Visas**

Obtaining a visa to attend WYD is free. Moreover, it is not associated with the registration, so participants who are considering participating in the WYD can now apply for a visa, even before enrolling at WYD (<http://www.madrid11.com/es/component/content/article/2/728-visados>). To apply, you must contact the corresponding Spanish Embassy or, if you encounter difficulties, your national conference of bishops.

## **3. Activities**

As you will see in the attached document, there are three moments for which ALL YOUTH OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY will be gathered: the Meeting with the Ministers General, the Festival of Joy and the Franciscan Prayer. Through them we will cover three main areas of our identity: formation, prayer and festive celebration.

We are hoping for the best response given the quality of proposals and the sense of fraternity that binds all components of our family. We do not expect problems with the logistics because the food will be provided through local bars and restaurants and communication with any point of Madrid is relatively easy.

## **4. Franciscan Village**

In a future mailing we will send you the program for the Franciscan Village - one of the activities prepared for the Franciscan Family - which will have its own planning. As of now, several initiatives have already been proposed by various groups (talks, screenings, prayer services, etc...).

Please remember that the Franciscan Village will function as an ongoing meeting place for the Franciscan Family and will be located at the seat of the OFM and SFO Fraternities of San Francisco el Grande. Your presence and participation in the Village will give it life and focus.

In addition to an activities hall, the Franciscan Village will also feature space for each Order, congregation, institute or movement to setup a stand where it can offer information about its nature and activities and any printed materials that it may have. Each stand should not exceed an area of 3x2 meters and should be staffed by the group who requests it.

Applications for stands should be submitted via e-mail to the International Commission at [gmg2011ff@gmail.com](mailto:gmg2011ff@gmail.com) before July 15.

## **5. Volunteers**

To carry out the Franciscan family program of activities, we will need the generous collaboration of 50 volunteers, of which 40 must be residents in Spain, primarily in Madrid and its vicinity, and 10 others from around the world.

The service of volunteers is exclusively for the activities of the Franciscan family and does not include registration for the WYD or lodging in Madrid. It is designed for young participants in

WYD or other family members (religious or secular) who reside in Madrid or who have their own accommodations.

Applications will be given priority in order of registration, but availability and knowledge of different languages will be also considered for the final selection. It would be essential to know Spanish and at least one other language. Those interested should make themselves available to the Commission of the Franciscan Family of Spain via e-mail at: [ffmadrid2011@gmail.com](mailto:ffmadrid2011@gmail.com).

## **6. Useful information**

Please remember these important pieces of information:

- **Location of activities**

San Francisco el Grande  
Plaza de San Francisco, 1  
Madrid

- **Website**

[www.ff2011jmj.org](http://www.ff2011jmj.org)

- **Emails**

International Commission: [gmg2011ff@gmail.com](mailto:gmg2011ff@gmail.com)

Spanish Commission: [ffmadrid2011@gmail.com](mailto:ffmadrid2011@gmail.com)

- **Information Telephone:**

(+34) 679-97-22-57

As we look forward to meeting you in a few months in Madrid we send you a big fraternal hug.



*On behalf of the International Commission, the Coordinator*  
*Ana Fruk*



*On behalf of the Commission on the Franciscan Family in Spain, the Coordinator*  
*Xavi Ramos*

Attachments:

- 1) Final program of "Franciscan Village"
- 2) Logo of Franciscan Family during the WYD