

Kalakbay

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ECY Philippines delegation is blessed to spend a day at the Shrine in Fatima Portugal. It is a dream fulfilled for almost all. Many are dumbfounded and some are in tears. Overwhelmingly awed being where the Blessed Mother appeared to three young shepherds, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia. This will stay in their hearts for a long long time. Truly, we are Pueblo Amante de Maria!

1.5K FILIPINOS JOINED WYD2023



- 1.5 million young people participated from 200 countries.
- 1500 Filipino pilgrims with (no less than) 7 bishops from the Philippines.
- 100 Filipinos volunteered for WYD2023
- CFC Liveloud Music Ministry spearheaded one Youth Festival Concert during the second day and one Youth Festival segment on the main stage the afternoon before the vigil with Pope Francis.
- Official ECY Philippines delegation
 - 273 Pilgrims (19 Dioceses, 8 Youth Organizations/Groups, 2 Schools)
 - 30 were reconsidered by the Greek Embassy
- All Filipinos endorsed by ECY are accounted for and went back home after their post-WYD Itineraries.

WYD RISE UP MEETING WITH BISHOP REX

Bishops from around the world including our very own Bishop Rex Andrew Alarcon - Chairman of the CBCP-ECY, delivered one of the Rise Up at the Igreja de São José Operário, Arroja and presided the celebration of the Holy Eucharist after this powerful moment of encounter and prayer. Rise Up Encounter is a new model of World Youth Day catechesis which provide an opportunity for deep catechesis and challenges the youth to reflect about themes like Integral Ecology, Social Friendship and Mercy.

"ENCUENTRO" NYD MODULE ORIENTATION



- 85 youth leaders from the different Regional Youth Coordinating Councils, the diocesan youth ministry offices, and the Federation of National Youth Organizations (FNYO) were present last December 9, 2023.
- Encuentro is a response to Pope Francis' call to synodality and to foster a "culture of encounter".
- ECY is grateful to Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan who developed the module and conducted the orientation.





PINOY PILGRIMS IN WYD

1. Filipino Bishops attending the event.
(photo from Bishop Gerardo Alminaza' FBpage)
2. Holy Mass for all Filipino pilgrims at the Church of Mary Magdalene with Cardinal Chito Tagle.
(photo by Fr Jade Licuanan)
3. Aerial View of 1.5 million pilgrims.
(photo from WYD website)
4. CFC Livecloud Band performance.
(screen grab from Shalom World)
5. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle with pilgrims and volunteers from the Philippines (from CBCP News)
6. Ambassador Celia Anna M. Feria, Philippine Embassy to Lisbon with Bishop Rex, Bishop Bart, Fr. Jade & pilgrims. (photo by Fr Jade Licuanan)

MEMORABLE POPE FRANCIS QUOTES FROM WYD LISBON 2023

<https://aleteia.org/2023/08/16/9-memorable-pope-francis-quotes-from-wyd-lisbon-2023/>



NO ONE LEFT OUT OR LEFT OVER (Wed, Aug 2) From the welcome ceremony: "Friends, I want to be clear with you for you are allergic to falsity and empty words: in the Church, there is

room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone."

LOVE IS RISKY (Fri, Aug 4) From the Way of the Cross: "Love is risky. We must take the risk of loving. Yet, though it is a risk, it is a risk worth taking, and Jesus

accompanies us as we do. He always accompanies us, always walks with us. Throughout our lives, he is always by our side."

FROM DOUBTS TO DREAMS (Thu, Aug 3) From his meeting with university students: "Have the courage then, to replace your doubts with dreams. Replace your doubts with dreams: do not remain hostage to your fears, but set about working to realize your goals!"

YOU ARE GOOD (Sat, Aug 5) From the Angelus: "God sees how good you are. He alone knows what he has sown in your hearts."

JOY IS MISSIONARY (Sat, Aug 5) From the vigil with young people: "Joy is missionary. Joy is not just for oneself; it's for sharing something with others."

POPE ANNOUNCES NEXT WORLD YOUTH DAY



Pope Francis made the historic announcement that the next World Youth Day (WYD) will be hosted by South Korea in 2027 - making it the second World Youth Day in Asia after 32 years since WYD95 in the Philippines - following the closing Mass of WYD2023 at Parque Tejo in Lisbon, Portugal.

Archbishop Peter Chung Soon-taick of Seoul, views the WYD as a unique opportunity to revitalize youth ministry in Korea and nurture a renewed sense of faith and hope among young people, as the country struggles with the "demographic winter." Many young Filipinos are looking forward to visit Korea for the

World Youth Day especially since Seoul is near the Philippines and travel expenses will be lower. The ECY secretariat is pleased and hopes that more pilgrims will join.



CBCP-ECY CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2024

1. FEDERATION OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION (FNYO) CONVENTION April 2024 | Venue (TBA)



The federation is the arm of ECY Secretariat which facilitates coordination, communication and collaboration among National Youth Organizations (NYOs).

ISSUE OF CONCERN: The Federation has not been active since April 2023 (FNYO general meeting via ZOOM).

OBJECTIVES:

- Updating of the federation.
- Review/revisit program, strategies of member organization.
- Collaborate for the promotion and actualization of youth ministry programs.

2. NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH MINISTERS 2024 (NCYM2024)

WHEN: July 17-21, 2024

HOST DIOCESE: ARCHDIOCESE OF PALO

GENERAL PURPOSE: To have a venue for formation and fellowship for youth ministers.

- Theme "Abound in Joy, Christ is our Hope".
- Target number of participants: 600 from the 86 Dioceses and FNYO member organizations.
- Solidarity fee per delegate: P3,000
- Contribution per diocese: P5,000



3. NATIONAL YOUTH COORDINATING COUNCIL (NYCC) MEETING

WHEN: July 21-23, 2024

HOST DIOCESE: DIOCESE OF MAASIN

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify youth ministry concerns that need to be brought to the attention of the ECY.
- Propose plan of action and/or resolutions to address the concerns concretely and accordingly.

4. WYD2023 PILGRIM' REUNION August 2024 | Venue (TBA)

OBJECTIVES:

- To reconnect with friends, foster a sense of belonging and build stronger relationship.
- To reminisce WYD experience and reignite their sense of mission in the church.



5. MISSION APPEAL 2024 IN USA

6. LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY November 24, 2024; DIOCESE | VICARIATE | PARISH

7. NATIONAL YOUTH DAY DECEMBER 16, 2024 (MONDAY)

At the start of the Christmas novena, the Church in the Philippines celebrates the presence of the youth. The collections of all Masses are for the youth ministry and to be submitted to the Local Ordinary within 15 days and divided accordingly: 70% to the Diocesan Youth Ministry, and 30% to the CBCP-Episcopal Commission on Youth." (Ordo 2024)



SYNODAL YOUTH MINISTERS IN 2024

To our fellow youth ministers in the Philippines:

- Northern Luzon Region (NLR)
- Central Luzon Region (CLR)
- National Capital Region (NCR)
- Southern Tagalog Region (STR)
- Bicol Region (BR)
- Central Eastern Visayas Region (CEVR)
- Western Visayas Region (WEVR)
- Mindanao Sulu Pastoral Conference (MSPC)
- Military Ordinariate of the Philippines (MOP)
- Federation of National Youth Organizations (FNYO)

Let us continue the mission of Jesus Christ and be a sacrament of God's love - to teach as Christ taught, to live as Christ lived, to serve as Christ served, and to love as Christ loved.

- p67, Ka-lakbay



NEW WEBSITE:

<https://cbcpecy.ph>

- For ECY to be fully present in the digital space. *"Digital space is the youth's new continent, its not just a medium of communication, and it is very real."* - Bishop Ambo, PCNEX
- To promote news update, best practices and content materials (Blogs, Podcast, etc.) from different Diocesan Youth Councils.
- To have a real-time interactive chat box.
- To make multimedia materials accessible for download.
- Link with CBCP website.

• **DIRECTORY UPDATE:** Google Form will be sent via EMAIL to be filled-in by Youth Director, Youth Coordinator & Youth Leader until end of February 2024.

• **ONLINE ORIENTATION FOR DIOCESES ON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM).** To address the need of appropriate programs for young adults - after their youth ministry in parishes by March 2024.

HOW TO DONATE

PNB PESO ACCOUNT:

NAME: EPISCOPAL COMMISSION ON YOUTH
ACCT NO: 1678-7000-1192

PNB DOLLAR ACCOUNT:

NAME: EPISCOPAL COMMISSION ON YOUTH
ACCT NO: 1678-6000-2505

METROBANK PESO ACCOUNT

NAME : CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
OF THE PHILIPPINES -
EPISCOPAL COMMISSION ON YOUTH
ACCT NO: 632-3-63208700-5

GCASH ACCOUNT:

NAME: Rev Fr Ramon Jade Licuanan
GCash No: 0994-314-6381

Our **deepest gratitude** to all the bishops and dioceses who already sent their contributions from the **December 16, 2023 National Youth Day collections.**

We truly appreciate your full support of the youth ministry in the local churches and in the Episcopal Commission on Youth. **Maraming maraming salamat po!!**

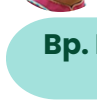


To **+MOST REV. ENRIQUE V. MACARAEG, D.D.**, former member of the Episcopal Commission on Youth. On behalf of all the Filipino youth, we are sincerely thankful for your service and love for us.

CBCP-ECY MEMBERS



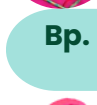
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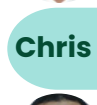
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ECY envision an engaging, harmonious and collective journey with young people who are Christ-centered and inflamed by the Spirit for the New Evangelization.

For Modules and Programs of Formation, you may contact ECY Secretariat.

