

Hola Amigos!

Thank you very much for the grant of \$500 for my WYD pilgrimage. This grant helped towards my expenses for this amazing pilgrimage.

WYD was the greatest experience of my life! To see and talk to so many youth from all over the world who are as interested in the faith as I am, made a profound effect on me. Many pilgrims I met wanted to know about Australia and why I was there in Madrid for WYD. I was only too happy to tell them, and I asked many different questions about themselves, in which I learnt quite a lot.

What I found so amazing about WYD, was that the youth particularly at the Saturday night vigil, were loud and boisterous when the Holy Father came through on his Papa mobile, but when the 9-foot tall Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral in Toledo was elevated out of the ground there was utter silence. It was so quiet one could hear a pin drop. Two million young people at one with the Holy Spirit, can anything on earth get better than that? The answer is probably not. Everyone there including me felt God's presence pierce through our souls. Unbelievable! God is so good.

It rained as the priest was reading the Gospel. Thunder boomed, and lightning flashed across the sky! It was almost as if God was saying, "this is my message which I want you to bring to the world! It will not be easy. You must persevere!" And the youth of the world stayed with the Holy Father, and weathered the storm. We were asked to pray that the rain stopped. And within minutes it eased. A great experience of the power of God.

This is my experience of WYD and the power of God that I experienced there has changed my life. Praised be Jesus Christ!

Thank you for reading my experience of WYD.

Adios Amigos, and God bless every one of you for your generous gift.

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