

# COME TO WORLD YOUTH DAY

## Pope Benedict XVI, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Benedict XVI and official teachings  
of the Roman Catholic Church

### “LOOKING FORWARD”

... We are looking forward to the next World Youth Day, to be held in Madrid in August 2011 ... I encourage you to take part in this event, which is so important for the Church in Europe and for the universal Church.

### “CAN PROVE DECISIVE”

I would like all young people — those who share our faith in Jesus Christ, but also those who are wavering or uncertain, or do not believe in Him — to share this experience, which can prove decisive for their lives.

### EXPERIENCE JESUS

It is an experience of the Lord Jesus, risen and alive, and of His love for each of us.

### SOLID ROOTS

I encourage you to strengthen your faith in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are the future of society and of the Church! ... It is vital to have roots, a solid foundation! This is particularly true today. Many people have no stable points of reference on which to build their lives, and so they end up deeply insecure.



### THANK GOD FOR THE CHURCH

Let us always thank the Lord for the gift of the Church, for the Church helps us to advance securely in the faith that gives us true life (cf. Jn 20:31).

### “GREAT JOY”

... Once again I invite you to attend World Youth Day in Madrid. I await each of you with great joy. Jesus Christ wishes to make you firm in faith through the Church.

### CAREFUL PREPARATION

Throughout this year, carefully prepare for the meeting in Madrid... The quality of our meeting will depend above all on our spiritual preparation, our prayer, our common hearing of the word of God and our mutual support.

### “THE CHURCH DEPENDS ON YOU!”

The Church depends on you! She needs your lively faith, your creative charity and the energy of your hope. Your presence renews, rejuvenates and gives new energy to the Church. That is why World Youth Days are a grace, not only for you, but for the entire People of God.

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