

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

To: News Editors and Assignment Desks

From: Archdiocesan Communications

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World Youth Day Pilgrimage Event

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life”

Over 200 people, including teens and young adults who will be traveling to Cologne, Germany, for World Youth Day, their families and friends, will gather at the Church of the Madonna, Detroit, on Sunday, April 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. for a celebration that will include music, crafts, food, and prayer.

The group will walk down 14th Street to meet another group of teens and young people carrying an 8-foot cross to the Church of Madonna from Detroit's St. Gregory Church. World Youth Day pilgrims from the metropolitan Detroit area have been taking the cross to churches that will have teens and young adults participating in World Youth Day 2005.

Begun by Pope John Paul II in 1984 in Rome, World Youth Day has been held every two years, with the exception of Olympic years, in various cities around the world. This year, World Youth Day will be held in Cologne, Germany, on August 16-21. Pope Benedict XVI is expected to participate. The Archdiocese of Detroit has always had a large contingent in attendance.

***You are invited to cover this event. It will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. The Church of the Madonna is located at 1125 Oakman Blvd., Detroit. For more information, call Joyce Francois at 586-293-5819 (home) or 313-570-8865 (cell).**

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