



Ways to Fundraise for WYD 2008

Step 1: Sign up for the trip with the Office for Youth & Young and we will provide a letter for you to help with fundraising.

Step 2: Break it down. It is easier to think of it in portions. If 36 people sponsor you with \$100 each, that leaves \$29! Or, 10 people donate \$200 and you supply the rest! There are lots of ways to split it up. Anyone can raise this money if you are creative and committed!

Here are a few ideas to get you going...

- **Talk to your pastor** (before beginning any in-parish fundraising)
 - Can the parish make a donation?
 - Can you do a fundraiser at the parish?
 - Can you speak at masses and ask parishioners for money?
 - Perhaps parishioners can buy stock in you. Print up certificates and sell shares for \$5, \$10 and \$20. After the trip invite the "stockholders" to a stockholders meeting to share your experiences or write up a stock holders report and send it to them.
- **Ask for Donations:** You don't get what you don't ask for. Many adults who can't go to World Youth Day themselves would like to help you experience the awesome event.
- **Contact the Knights of Columbus** or other church groups and ask to speak to their group about why you would like to go to World Youth Day and promise to return and share your experience with them.
- **Talk to your school principal or president.**
 - Can they support you?
 - Can you do a fundraiser at the school?
- **Write letters** to the businesses on the back of the parish bulletin asking for support. Businesses that support the parish may support you! Write your relatives, family, friends, and ask for WYD money in place of a Christmas, Graduation or birthday presents.
- **Think of talents you have and offer your services for a fee.** Advertise in the parish bulletin. Babysit for families with young children or offer a computer tutorial for older members of the parish.

➤ **Get your youth group or school ministry team to help you run a:**

- bake sale, donut sale, hoagie sale, car wash, dance for the Junior high students or for the adults, raffle, simple lenten dinner, candy bar sale, flower sale for Easter or Mother's Day, have a concession stand at another parish event.

Don't forget to send Thank You's to each person who makes a donation as soon as you receive their gift. Be sure to mention you will be praying for them during your trip – maybe you could even make a list! The more you share with those who supported you after the trip, the better!

Be careful not to overlap fundraisers with another group in your parish or school or no one will make much money.