

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE

ACYF – Registrations now open!

Registrations are now open for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide 3-5 December 2015. Three days of amazing celebration of faith and friendship with lots of music and events - join 4,000 young people (Year 9-25 yo) from around Australia. Full details on the Ballarat Diocese website Youth and Young Adult page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Youth Day - One Year to Go

July 2016 is World Youth Day month. Four million pilgrims will travel from all round the world to join with Pope Francis for the final event of the pilgrimage, the WYD Mass in Krakow, Poland on Sunday July 31. Ballarat Diocese is part of the Victorian WYD Pilgrimage. Preparations are well underway for about 300 Victorian pilgrims from Ballarat, Sandhurst, Melbourne and Sale dioceses to travel to Poland. Victorian pilgrims can choose from four pilgrimage travel options and everyone meets up in Krakow for the week of WYD events and the post-WYD retreat.

A *One Year to Go* Pilgrimage launch was recently held in Melbourne. Ballarat's own Esther De Losa and Ben Van Styn (pictured right) hosted the event featuring Fr Rob Galea and band, (below) Polish dancers and Polish food and all the details of the WYD Pilgrimages. The four Victorian pilgrimages are: Krakow Direct, Poland Encounter, Footsteps of St Paul, and John Paul II Trail. WYD Information sessions are being held soon: in Ballarat on Friday 31 July at 7pm at Ballarat Cathedral Presbytery and in Warrnambool on Wednesday 26 August at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Gathering Space or contact Amanda on 0427 748 867. WYD details are on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au follow Youth and Young Adult Ministry link on front page.

