



January 4, 2005 - Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Re: World Youth Day - 2005

To: Marianist University Campus Ministry
Marianist LIFE Program
Marianist Secondary Educational Institutions
Marianist Parishes
Marianist Retreat Centers
Bro. Ed Violett, S.M. - Temporary Professed Program
Marianist Vocation Office

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As many of you know, World Youth Day will take place in Cologne, Germany, August 15-21, 2005. It is our hope that we will be able to have a representative group from the Province of the United States.

In an effort to facilitate a Marianist presence at this worldwide event, the Office of Religious Life will be coordinating a tour for those who wish to participate. Our tour will depart on Sunday, August 14, 2005 and return on Monday, August 22, 2005. A very special Marianist gathering will occur on August 17th, 2005.

I am also happy to inform you that the Provincial Council has authorized a budget item for financial assistance. Our preliminary idea is that no one person can request more than 1/3 of the total cost of the tour price and a formal application for aid must be submitted. We are hoping that the Marianist institutions and the person traveling will contribute the remaining 2/3 of the costs. The number of seats available and financial assistance is limited. Both will be on a first come basis.

To see the costs of the tour based on your city of departure, and to read the **Finance Assistance** form, click on the appropriate link in *FamilyOnline*. **For the itinerary**, see below. If you have questions about these documents, feel free to call me.

I have the applications for our tour in my office. Please e-mail **Donna Tucker** (dtucker@sm-usa.org) with the number of applications or financial aid forms you want for your ministry/institution.

As we prepare for the feasts of our Founders, Venerable Mother Adele and Blessed Chaminade, let's remember to pray for each other during these days. Many blessings to you and your family and friends.



World Youth Day 2005

A private tour designed by **Br. Jack Ventura**

Requested departure date: **Sunday, August 14, 2005** (*Required date flexibility of 4 days on either side of requested date*)

Day 1

Overnight flight to Cologne

Day 2

Arrival in Cologne

Arrive in Cologne, home of this year's World Youth Day Celebrations. Meet your EF Tour Director who will be with you throughout your stay.

Overnight in Rhineland

Day 3

Guided sightseeing of Cologne

Take a guided tour of Cologne, a 2,000-year-old city founded by the ancient Romans. It was in Cologne that Karl Marx began his career as a local newspaper editor. Visit one of Germany's most moving symbols: Cologne's sublime, war-scarred Gothic cathedral (the Kölner Dom). Within the cathedral is a medieval shrine to the Three Wise Men.

Overnight in Rhineland

Day 4 – 8*

World Youth Day Celebrations

The rest of your days in Cologne will be open for free time and to participate in World Youth Day events. Your tour director will help give you direction for your personal explorations of the city of Cologne. You might make an excursion to Aachen to visit the Cathedral-Dom, begun in 786 by Charlemagne. Or tour any number of the approximately 150 churches throughout the city

Overnights in Rhineland

Day 9

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change.

***August 17, 2005**

A special evening of all Marianists pilgrims. Details are being developed. There is an expected 600

Tour Highlights of *World Youth Day 2005*

Overnight Stays:

Rhineland (7)

Comprehensive sightseeing tour led by an expert local guide of the following: Cologne

Included in the itinerary:

- Round-trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight stays in first-class, superior tourist-class or tourist-class hotels (all with private bathrooms)
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner day 2
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director
- Transportation to Marianist Gathering (August 17, 2005)

Not included in the itinerary:

- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches daily
- Dinner days 3-9
- Customary gratuities for your Tour Director, Driver and local guides
- Public transportation to free time activities
- Porterage
- Entrance to World Youth Day celebrations

Accommodations

Accommodation details available approximately 7-10 days prior to departure.

Tour Profile of *World Youth Day*

Tour Length:	9 days, 7 overnights
Requested Departure Date:	Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005
Requested Return Date:	Monday, Aug. 22, 2005
Requested Departure Gateway:	Various, see listing

**Please note that for New York, NY departures and returns, EF uses LaGuardia, JFK, and Newark airports interchangeably*