

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PILGRIMS'

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



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In attending World Youth Day (WYD), and participating in its associated pilgrimages, pilgrims must be prepared to accept responsibility for their actions and acknowledge their responsibilities.

All pilgrims are required to read, consider, and agree to the following expectations in order to confirm a place in the 2023 WYD pilgrimage. Any pilgrim under the age of 18 must have this document countersigned by their parent/legal guardian.

As Broken Bay pilgrims, we are models of Christ and ambassadors for our school, parish, our Diocese and our country:

- I will adhere to an appropriate standard of dress and be aware of cultural sensitivities, particularly regarding religious sites. This means that pilgrims should never wear short shorts or short dresses and skirts, midriff tops, low cut tops and tops with thin straps or cut outs on pilgrimage. T-shirts should not bear offensive slogans or images.
- I will use language that is always respectful and polite, and not use language and actions that would be considered offensive.
- I will abide by the laws of countries visited and show respect towards local practices and customs.

We will be travelling as a community, and should be open to developing authentic relationships with everyone on the pilgrimage:

- I will always accept and follow the reasonable directions of pilgrimage leaders without complaint or argument.
- I will try to resolve any issues or disputes with fellow pilgrims amicably and fairly.
- I will be punctual.
- I will not engage in inappropriate sexual conduct; including harassment and behaviour that goes against the Christian vision for chastity and genuine human love.
- I understand I am personally responsible for my own purchases, passport, money, property, personal health, and hygiene.
- I will avoid risk-taking behaviours that could compromise the health and safety of myself, other pilgrims and the general public.
- I will let my Bus Leader or Pilgrim Group Leader know if I become aware of any concerning, inappropriate or high-risk behaviours of any person including behaviour, language or social media comment of an inappropriate nature.

I will have a participation mindset:

- I will prepare for the pilgrimage by participating in the pre-pilgrimage formation program.
- I will participate in all briefing, sharing and debriefing sessions while on pilgrimage.
- I will attend all of the main WYD week events unless advised not to by the Bus Leaders or the WYD Coordinator
- I will actively and positively engage in the activities of my pilgrimage program.

Personal space is to be respected:

- I will not enter the bedroom of a member of the opposite sex without the expressed permission of a Pilgrim group leader.
- As a person over 18 years, I will not enter the bedroom of a person under 18 years.
- As a person under 18 years, I will not enter the bedroom of a person over 18 years.

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It will be important to maintain healthy and safe habits while on pilgrimage:

- I will not engage in any criminal behaviour or encourage any other pilgrim to do so.
- As a person under 18 years:
 - I will not leave the group to which I have been allocated unless accompanied by a Pilgrim Group Leader or Bus Leader.
 - I will not go on unplanned or unscheduled activities without the expressed permission of a Pilgrim Group Leader or Bus Leader.
 - I will not buy or smoke cigarettes or buy or consume alcohol or other illegal substances.
- As a person over 18 years:
 - I will not have more than two standard alcoholic drinks at any meal or event.
 - I will not provide alcohol to a person under 18 years of age.
 - I will discuss with my Pilgrim Group Leader if I would like to depart from the activities of my group.
- I will use prescription medication only as directed and prescribed to me and will not share prescription medication with others.
- I will not use or provide to any other person non-prescription drugs.
- I will personally pack my own luggage and therefore have knowledge of its contents.
- I will report any new injury/illness, or change to an existing medical condition, to my Pilgrim Group Leader.
- I will not share any object (syringes, razors, toothbrushes, other personal hygiene items and grooming aids) that may come into contact with blood or other bodily substances);

Electronic Communication and Social Networking must be used sensibly:

- I will not make inappropriate statements about WYD, the Pilgrimage or other pilgrims on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter or any form of social media.
- Under 18 pilgrims are not to from communicate with leaders by way of private emails, private mobile phones or social media before or after the Pilgrimage. Communication during WYD with leaders will be through the approved WYD method.
- During a critical incident, I will follow Bus Leaders and Pilgrim Group Leaders directions to refrain from using any social media or my telephone, until instructed it is ok to use them.

I understand that my behaviour must be of the highest standard and consistent with the expectations and values of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

I also understand and accept the authority of the organisers of the Pilgrimage, my pilgrim Group Leader and Bus Leaders.

I acknowledge that if my behaviour is not acceptable, and there is a serious breach of the stated expectations, I may face exclusion from remaining activities or dismissal from the Pilgrimage and return to Australia at my own expense.

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I understand and agree to the above expectations		
Pilgrim name: (Please print)	Signature	Date
For parent/guardian of under 18 pilgrims		
<p>I, Mr/Mrs/Ms, parent/guardian of(my child) have witnessed the signed acceptance by my child to the Pilgrim Code of Conduct for WYD. I acknowledge that failure of my child to comply with any of the expectations within the Code of Conduct may result in my child's exclusion from remaining activities or dismissal from the Pilgrimage and return to Australia at my expense.</p> <p>Signed (Parent/Guardian's Signature)</p> <p>Parent/Guardian of</p> <p>Date</p>		
Parent/Guardian name: (Please print)	Signature	Date