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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 TRAILBLAZERS SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

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Trailblazers' preparation for World Youth Day 2008

"Let those prepare their hearts who fear the Lord" (Sir 2:17)

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Prayer

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, O Holy Spirit. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, to obey your inspirations with love. Amen.

Know the Pope

Pope Benedict XVI's doctoral thesis was about St. Augustine: The title of the thesis was *The People and House of God in St. Augustine's doctrine of the Church.*

In which chapter is today's Via?

1. Spirit of Truth
2. Spirit of Fortitude
► 3. Spirit of Love
4. Spirit of Witness

Scripture

Jesus said, "It is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation." (Jn 16:7-8)

Reflection

God is not against you. In fact, there is no one more for you than God. Even with your failings and failures, God's mercy is always waiting there for you. He has the power to free each person from his or her sins, and to lead them to heaven; and this indeed is his desire for you.

Pope Quote

"My dear young friends, remember: the Church has confidence in you! We Pastors, especially, pray that you may love and lead others to love Jesus more and more and that you may follow him faithfully." (M-8)

"Know Yourself"

1. Do I love Jesus?
2. Do I tell him I love him, frequently?
3. How do I help others love Jesus?

Group Discussion

1. If we don't spread the Gospel, who will?
2. In today's music, TV, movies and internet, what other things besides God are proposed to us as alternative objects of our love?

Some pilgrims getting to know each other at a local park.

Australia Fact

There are an estimated 5.1 million baptized Catholics in Australia, 26% of the population, a plurality, making it Australia's largest single Christian denomination (larger than "Anglicans" and "Uniting" church). In Australia's seven archdioceses and 32 dioceses there are an estimated 3,000 priests and 9,000 men and women in Catholic orders.

How to use this page

1. If possible, take this page to the Church, and pray before the Tabernacle, where Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.
2. Start with the "Prayer."
3. Read each of the squares, and meditate:
   - What do these words mean?
   - How can these words help me become more like Jesus, the Lord?
4. Finish with the "Know Yourself" section.
5. Take notes! If you have good ideas, you can share them, for example, with your youth group.

! More tips at: www.trailblzerswyd.org/via2008/tips.html