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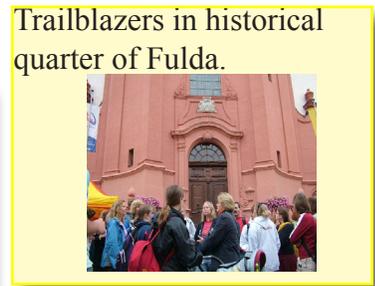
22 For week starting
June 8, 2008

Prayer
Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, grant that I may perceive and know the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may know their vanity, and use them only for Your glory, and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to You, and Your eternal great rewards. Amen. (MP)

Trailblazers' preparation for World Youth Day 2008
"Let those prepare their hearts who fear the Lord" (Sir 2:17)

Scripture
While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul [this is St. Paul] for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit... they proclaimed the word of God." (Acts 13:2-5)

Reflection
The Holy Spirit sends us Catholics out, too, to proclaim the word of God. This exciting mission, this urgent mission, is done not either by words or deed, but by both words and deeds. What greater joy could you have in heaven, then to find a friend there whom you aided to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus?



Australia Fact
Except near the coast of Australia, where we will be for WYD 2008, 44% of the whole continent is desert. The desert area is mostly in the center and in the Western areas. It is the driest and most "desert-y" continent on earth. Australia has been suffering a drought since about 2002. This is sad news for farmers and many others; yet it may promise us a dry stay Down Under this coming July.

Know the Pope
The Pope is the head of the smallest nation on earth: it's only 109 acres, and has only 900 inhabitants. It has its own government, postal system, police and international diplomacy. Its economy is non-commercial, and all Catholics support it by the Peter's Pence yearly collection. As of 31 December 2005 there were 558 people with Vatican citizenship, of whom 246 are dual-citizens of other countries (the majority being Italian).

Pope Quote
"Let us not forget that the greater the gift of God – and the Spirit of Jesus is the greatest of all – so much the greater is the world's need to receive it and therefore the greater and the more exciting is the Church's mission to bear credible witness to it. You young people, through World Youth Day, are in a way manifesting your desire to participate in this mission." (M-7)

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.
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"Know Yourself"
1. Am I truly convinced that the world needs Jesus, and that he is the one and only Savior?
2. Do I see my mission in the Church as a burden or as an exciting mission?
3. Have I ever thought of prayer and fasting as useful for my spiritual life? Do I practice these?

Group Discussion
1. Discuss the meaning of the Pope's words, "You young people through World Youth Day are manifesting your desire to participate in this mission." How?
2. What are the eternal rewards of participating in this mission? Are they the same as the rewards the world could offer?

In which chapter is today's Via?
1. Spirit of Truth
2. Spirit of Fortitude
3. Spirit of Love
▶ 4. Spirit of Witness

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