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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008
TRAILBLAZERS
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

23 For week starting
June 15, 2008

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart, incline it to a true faith in You, to a Holy Love of You, my God, that with my whole soul I may seek You, and find You who are my best, my truest joy. Amen. (MP)

Know the Pope

Of the 265 popes, 205 were Italians, (of whom 106 were Romans), and 57 foreigners comprised of 19 Frenchmen, 14 Greeks, 8 Syrians, 6 Germans, 3 Africans, 2 Spaniards, 1 Austrian, 1 Palestinian, 1 Englishman, 1 Dutchman, and 1 Pole. The last German before our current Pope was Pope Adrian VI (Adriaan Florisz Boeyens, Dutch born), reigning 1522–1523.

In which chapter is today's Via?

1. Spirit of Truth
2. Spirit of Fortitude
3. Spirit of Love
- ▶ 4. Spirit of Witness

Trailblazers' preparation for World Youth Day 2008

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

Scripture

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Cor 3:17-18) (cf. Ex 34:33-35)

Pope Quote

"Each one of you must have the courage to promise the Holy Spirit that you will bring one young person to Jesus Christ in the way you consider best, knowing how to 'give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but to do it with gentleness and reverence.' (cf. 1 Pet 3:15)"

"Know Yourself"

1. Do I try to spread the faith with gentleness and reverence, or with aggressiveness and rudeness?
2. When I try to persuade others – regarding the faith, or anything else – do I respect their freedom or strive to force them?

Reflection

God's glory was hidden during the times of the Old Testament, but fully shone forth in Jesus, who is truly the Son of God and truly man. The Spirit manifested the Father through the Son. Therefore the Spirit will help all who ask to become effective apostles of the Lord, and so continue this manifestation in the world.

Group Discussion

1. Discuss ways in which each one of us can win one young person over to the Lord, responding to the Pope's request.
2. What kind of "explanations" can we give to people, as reasons for our hope?

Another historical part of Fulda Palace, WYD '05'.



Australia Fact

Australia has its own wild canine, called the dingo. Australians, aboriginal and European descent, early on kept them as pets. As sheep were introduced, they were seen as a threat. They are not extinct, but their numbers dwindle. By the way, there are about 10 sheep per human being in Australia!

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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