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Dear WYD Pilgrim

Congratulations on your courage, commitment, enthusiasm and love in attending WYD 2008 in Sydney. You have responded to the call of Jesus, our Friend and Lord.

Many others joined you in your pilgrimage to WYD. They came from every continent and every corner of the world.

You listened, learned, worshipped and celebrated your belief in the Risen Lord with your Catholic brothers and sisters from every land and culture as one body in Christ.

Jesus promised His Spirit would be with us always. Because of our Baptism and Confirmation you have received the power of the Holy Spirit and you are now called to be His witnesses.

The Bishops of Australia applaud you and thank you. Now we strongly invite and encourage you to keep Jesus in your life. Listen to His inspiring Spirit. Be witnesses of the passionate love that God has for you and for every person you meet.

Always be assured that the Bishops of the Catholic Church, which was founded by Jesus and is guided by His Holy Spirit, are interested in you and care for you.

Your Catholic community at home needs you and is enriched by your presence. You are the reality of the present Church and the promise of the future Church.

Take your place with us in the community that Jesus founded. Get involved in the local expression of this community – your Parish. Let us work together to guide the whole Church forward from WYD2008.

Keep in touch with your Group Leader in your school, parish or group so that you can continue to explore ways and means in which you can use your gifts and talents for the benefit of other young people in your local Parish and Diocese.

Always remember God loves you for who you are and who you can become in Christ Jesus.

Yours in the love of Jesus and the unity of the Holy Spirit

Bishop Joseph Grech
Bishops Delegate for Youth
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