



Commitment Letter

Together for a more sustainable World Youth Day

The Holy Father has challenged us to build an event of youth, an event of strength. It is with this fresh and creative mind, as well as clearheaded and responsibility, that we look at JMJ Lisbon 2023.

We will host unprecedented event August 2023. It is vital that we learn from past editions while fostering creativity and innovation.

Our mission is to build WYD Lisbon 2023 taking into account the sustainability goals embraced worldwide, the Laudato Si' Goals presented by the Vatican and the United Nations 2030 Agenda (SDGs).

JMJ Lisbon 2023 will be based on the pillars of Pope Francis' encyclicals Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti and the apostolic exhortation Christus Vivit, in which we are called to care for our Common Home. The Holy Father tells us that "everything is connected. Therefore, concern for the environment must be associated with a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to solving society's problems" (LS, 91). WYD Lisbon 2023 will have at its genesis the concept of integral ecology.

Our primary indicators and inspiration are the following goals:



This commitment relies on our temperance regarding resource usage, as well as our goodwill and honesty towards giving our utmost best. Let JMJ Lisbon 2023 challenge us, so that each and every one of us "leaves this gathering much better informed than when we arrived" (Pope Francis to all the Youth organizing JMJ Lisbon 2023, May 2022).

Inspired by these values and moved by the Holy Father's challenge that we live by the values of universal fraternity and care for our Common Home, together, we commit to:

Making sustainability a central goal in JMJ Lisbon 2023!

We wish that JMJ Lisbon 2023 becomes a reference in the global commitment towards sustainability and that it leaves behind a positive and long-lasting legacy for the general community, the organizing comity, the partners, the volunteers, and the pilgrims.

Let's build together the most sustainable World Youth Day in history!