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Join the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on a Pilgrimage to South Korea **World Youth Day Seoul 2027**

Hosted by the Office for Ministry with Young Adults

August 1 - 10, 2027

\$4190 per person + airfare (TBD)

Join young adults from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on an unforgettable pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. This 10-day journey combines participation in World Youth Day events with Pope Leo XIV, exploration of Korea's rich Catholic heritage, and immersion in Korean culture and history.

South Korea is home to one of the most inspiring stories of faith in the modern Church. Thousands of Korean Catholics gave their lives for Christ during brutal persecutions in the 18th and 19th centuries—and the faith not only survived but flourished. Today, pilgrims will walk in the footsteps of these martyrs while joining hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world for the largest gathering of young people on earth.

Highlights include the Welcome Ceremony, Stations of the Cross, Prayer Vigil and Closing Mass with Pope Leo XIV, the USCCB Gathering for American pilgrims, visits to historic martyrdom sites including Jeoldusan Martyr's Shrine and the burial place of St. Andrew Kim Dae-geon, and exploration of traditional Korean culture at Jeonju Hanok Village and Gyeongbokgung Palace.

For more information or to register please visit www.prorometours.com/wydseoul or contact ProRome directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY



***** DISCLAIMER.** Due to the nature of World Youth Day and the scale of events surrounding the Holy Father's visit, some items in the itinerary are subject to change. World Youth Day event times and venues will be confirmed by the organizing committee closer to the event. Mass locations are subject to availability at the time of booking. ***

Sunday, August 1

Departure

See trip webpage for flight information.

Monday, August 2

Arrival in Seoul

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, we will collect our luggage, meet our ProRome tour manager and private coach, and transfer to our hotel in Seoul. After checking in, the rest of the day is free to rest and recover from the long journey across the Pacific, explore the neighborhood, or attend an optional orientation session. In the evening, we will gather for our first Mass together before a welcome dinner.

Holy Mass: Myeong-dong Cathedral or local parish

Meals Included: Dinner

Tuesday, August 3

Jeonju | Catholic Heritage Tour

Today we journey south to Jeonju, a city rich in Catholic martyrdom history. Our pilgrimage begins at Jeondong Catholic Cathedral, built on the very site where Korean martyrs were executed during the Joseon dynasty persecution. We will then explore Jeonju Hanok Village, home to over 700 traditional Korean houses preserving centuries of heritage. Our day concludes at Chimyeongjisan Martyrs Shrine, holy ground where seven family members of martyr Yu Hang-geom were buried after their execution in 1801.

Holy Mass: Jeondong Catholic Cathedral or local parish

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

Wednesday, August 4

St. Andrew Kim Dae-geon Pilgrimage | USCCB Gathering

This morning we travel to Anseong to honor Korea's first Catholic priest and martyr. At Mirinae Holy Site, we will visit the sacred burial ground of St. Andrew Kim Dae-geon, his mother Ursula, Bishop Ferréol who ordained him, and other martyrs who gave their lives for Christ. We return to Seoul for Mass before joining the afternoon USCCB Gathering—a special event bringing together American pilgrims from across the United States.

Holy Mass: Myeong-dong Cathedral or Mirinae Holy Site

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

Thursday, August 5

Seoul Martyrdom Sites | Welcome Ceremony with Pope Leo XIV

The morning takes us through Seoul's most sacred martyrdom sites: Yakhyeon Catholic Church, one of Korea's oldest churches established in 1886; Danggogae Martyrs' Shrine, where ten Catholics including Maria Lee Seong-rye were martyred in 1839; Saenamteo Holy Place, a former execution site; and Jeoldusan Martyr's Shrine, memorial to thousands of

Catholics executed in 1866. In the evening, we gather with young Catholics from around the world for the Welcome Ceremony with Pope Leo XIV—the official opening of World Youth Day!

Holy Mass: Yakhyeon Catholic Church or Jeoldusan Shrine

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

World Youth Day Event: Welcome Ceremony with Pope Leo XIV

Friday, August 6

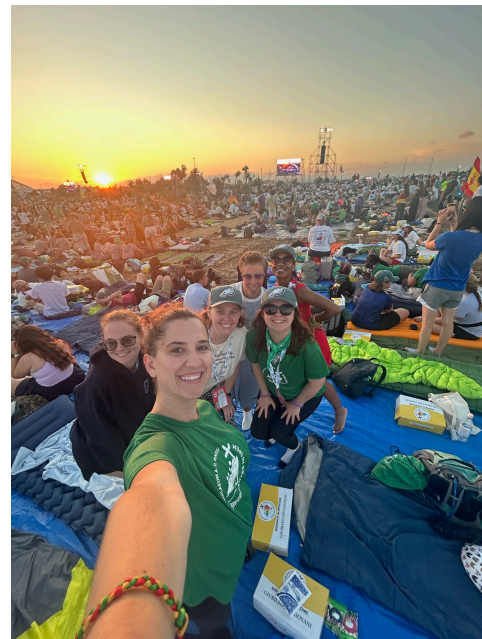
Korean Culture | Stations of the Cross with Pope Leo XIV

This morning we explore Korea's cultural treasures, beginning with Gyeongbokgung Palace, built in 1395 and the largest of Korea's five grand palaces. We then stroll through Bukchon Hanok Village, a traditional neighborhood showcasing Joseon-era architecture. After free time for lunch, we gather for one of the most powerful moments of World Youth Day: the Stations of the Cross led by Pope Leo XIV.

Holy Mass: Myeong-dong Cathedral or local parish

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

World Youth Day Event: Stations of the Cross with Pope Leo XIV





Saturday, August 7 Prayer Vigil with Pope Leo XIV

The morning is free to rest and prepare for the evening vigil. Mass will be available at the hotel or a nearby parish. In the afternoon, the group will walk together to the vigil site to set up and participate in the Prayer Vigil with Pope Leo XIV. Our group will camp overnight at the vigil site to secure good positions for the Closing Mass the following day. Other arrangements will be made for the pilgrims from our group who will not be able to participate in the night vigil.

Holy Mass: Local parish

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

World Youth Day Event: Prayer Vigil with Pope Leo XIV

Sunday, August 8 Closing Mass with Pope Leo XIV

Today is the culminating event of World Youth Day 2027! We participate in the Closing Mass with Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world. This is the moment we have been preparing for—a powerful celebration of our universal faith and a

commissioning to go forth and spread the Gospel. Following the Mass, there will be free time to celebrate and connect with fellow pilgrims before we gather for a farewell dinner.

Holy Mass: Closing Mass with Pope Leo XIV

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

World Youth Day Event: Closing Papal Mass

Monday, August 9 Free Day in Seoul

Enjoy a full free day to explore Seoul at your own pace. Visit additional cultural sites, shop in traditional markets or modern districts like Gangnam, try authentic Korean cuisine, visit museums, or simply relax and reflect on your World Youth Day experience. Optional Mass will be available in the morning.

Holy Mass: Myeong-dong Cathedral or local parish

Meals Included: Breakfast, and either lunch or dinner

Tuesday, August 10 Departure

Following breakfast, we transfer to Incheon International Airport for return flights to Philadelphia. Safe travels home with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime!

Holy Mass: TBD

Meals Included: Breakfast, in-flight meals





More Details

▶ Costs

- \$4,190 - Land Cost (August 1-10, 2027)
- \$850 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable)

▶ Payment Schedule

- \$300 Registration Fee - Due @ Registration
- 50% First Installment - Due February 1, 2027
- 50% Second Installment - Due March 1, 2027
- Airfare (TBD) - Due April 1, 2027
- \$850 Single Hotel Room Occupancy Surcharge (Optional) - Due May 1, 2027

▶ Price Inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation in 3-star hotels in Seoul (Based on double/twin occupancy. Each participant will have their own bed, even when sharing a room.)
- Daily breakfast and one additional meal per day (lunch or dinner, determined 3-4 months prior to departure)
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout the pilgrimage (1-2 buses depending on final group size)
- 1 English-speaking ProRome Tours Tour Manager per bus
- 1 Bilingual (English/Korean) tour guide per bus
- All entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
- Private transfers between hotel and World Youth Day event venues
- World Youth Day registration and pilgrim kit
- ProRome Tours tour manager (one tour manager for every 30 participants)
- Service charges and local taxes

▶ Price Exclusions

- International airfare (available within 11 months of date of return)
- One meal per day (lunch or dinner, whichever is not included in package)
- World Youth Day meal vouchers
- Travel insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Passport and visa fees (US citizens do not need a visa for South Korea for stays under 90 days)
- Personal expenses (laundry, souvenirs, etc.)
- Beverages with meals (water, tea, and coffee typically included; alcoholic beverages not included)
- Gratuities for guides and drivers (suggested \$8-10 per person per day)



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