



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be the greatest national gathering of Catholic young people since World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney! It will be three action-packed days of engaging speakers listening spaces (... *where YOU can have YOUR say about YOUR Church!*), concerts, sensational interactive expos, prayer opportunities, learning opportunities, making new friends ... and so much more! Organisers are expecting a turn-out of around 4000 young Australian Catholics this year.

**What:** ACYF is a national gathering of young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, to be empowered to be disciples in today's world, and to encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia today.

**When:** Thursday 3 - Saturday 5 December 2015 (Departing Wednesday 2 December 2015)

**Where:** The Festival will be held in Adelaide. The majority of the Festival will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on the banks of the River Torrens, (accessed from North Terrace). Across the city, a short tram ride or walk, St Francis Xavier Cathedral will also provide a place of pilgrimage for young people.

**How much:** The cost of travel and accommodation will be between approximately \$1300 - \$1800 depending on numbers.

**Program:** During the Festival, young people will have the opportunity to participate in a range of **Workshops** and **Prayer Experiences**, visit the **Festival Exhibition and Market Spaces**, engage in **Outdoor Activities**, and experience vibrant **local Australian Catholic music**. A special part of the Festival will be a series of **Listening Spaces**, where young people will be able to meet with Bishops and other special guests to engage in dialogue on a wide range of contemporary topics.

A central feature of the Festival will be the **Plenary Sessions** at the Convention Centre. These will gather together all Festival participants for times of music, catechesis and more, exploring and 'breaking open' the Festival theme: ***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.***

You can find out more about the Festival and what the program looks like at

[www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au](http://www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au)