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Commission on Youth

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GUIDELINES AND PRIMER FOR PILGRIMS

The Military Ordinariate of the Philippines (MOP), under the pastoral leadership of Most Rev. Oscar Jaime L. Florencio, DD, Military Ordinary, and through its Commission on Youth (MOPCY), organizes and leads a delegation of young people to participate in and be spiritually enriched by World Youth Day (WYD) 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. This delegation is open to active and reserve personnel of the AFP, PNP, PCG, BFP, and BJMP; their dependents; and civilian youth and ministers serving in MOPCY churches, and shall be known as "MOPCY."

This handbook has been prepared specifically for pilgrims applying through MOPCY. It has been designed according to guidelines and principles that apply to this group, adapted to the structure, origin, and pastoral context of the Military Ordinariate. Its contents may not apply to those joining WYD through other delegations or arrangements.

Reading this handbook thoroughly is essential for anyone seeking to be properly prepared and well-disposed for this pilgrimage under MOPCY.



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A. THE MOP COMMISSION ON YOUTH

MOPCY is the youth apostolate arm of the Military Ordinariate of the Philippines, entrusted with the pastoral care and formation of young people belonging to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and their dependents, as well as civilian employees within these institutions, and civilian youth that serves in MOPCY churches.

Core Team

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Youth Director and PNP Representative	Rev. Fr. (PMaj) Lorenzo Rodaje Ruga, CHS
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B. THE ORIGIN OF WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day (WYD) has been called “the most beautiful invention of Saint John Paul II,” though the Pope himself attributed its origin to the young people of the world. From 1983 to 1984, the Church observed a Jubilee Year marking the 1,950th anniversary of the Passion of Christ. As part of this Jubilee, Saint John Paul II invited young people to Rome on Palm Sunday, expecting around 60,000 attendees;



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instead, over 250,000 arrived. A similar gathering in 1985, during the United Nations' International Year of Youth, drew over 300,000 young people.

Moved by this response, Saint John Paul II instituted World Youth Day in 1985, to be commemorated yearly in each diocese, with an international gathering celebrated with the Pope every two to three years. In 2020, Pope Francis moved the diocesan celebration of WYD from Palm Sunday to the Solemnity of Christ the King, while retaining its focus on the Mystery of Jesus Christ, Redeemer of Man.

For the full chronicle of World Youth Days, see: https://www.vatican.va/gmg/documents/gmg_chronicle-wyd_20020325_en.html

C. WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

On August 6, 2023, in Lisbon, Pope Francis announced: “The next World Youth Day will take place in Asia: in South Korea, in Seoul in 2027! Thus, from the western border of Europe it will move to the Far East. This is a marvelous sign of the Church’s universality and of the dream of unity to which you bear witness!”

WYD 2027 will be held from August 3 to August 8, 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, with the theme “Take courage. I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33).

Pre-WYD 2027: Days in the Diocese (DID)

5 days before the official WYD celebrations, participants may take part in the Days in the Diocese (DID), a program of faith enrichment and cultural exchange through community prayer, missionary service, and intercultural dialogue with host communities. Official dates: July 29 to August 2, 2027.

July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2
Welcome	Diocesan Program Participation (Liturgy, Catechesis, Local Tours, etc.)			Farewell

<https://www.wyd2027did.org/en>

WYD 2027 Proper: Main Events

The WYD 2027 Week Proper (August 3–8) is the heart of World Youth Day, bringing together young pilgrims from around the world in the host city of Seoul. The week opens with the Opening Mass and unfolds through days of catechesis with bishops, youth festival activities, opportunities for confession at the Reconciliation Park, and a vocations fair. Its emotional high points come toward the end of the week: the Papal Welcome Ceremony, the Way of the Cross, and an overnight Vigil with the Holy Father, culminating in the Closing Mass on Sunday, August 8, where the next WYD host is announced.

- **Gathering and Registration** — Pilgrims gather in the host city for World Youth Day.
- **Opening Mass** — WYD begins with an opening Mass presided over by the Ordinary of the diocese hosting the event.



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- **Catechesis** - Pilgrims join bishops for catechesis.
- **Youth Festival** - Various events for young people are held around the host diocese.
- **Reconciliation Park and Vocations Fair** - Pilgrims are invited to reconcile with the Lord through Confession and hear His call by learning about diverse vocations.
- **Papal Welcome Ceremony** - Young people gather with excitement to welcome the Holy Father on Thursday afternoon, and the Pope also welcomes the young people from around the world whom he has invited himself.
- **Way of the Cross** - The Pope and the pilgrims gather together to meditate on the Way of the Cross prepared for them by young people.
- **Vigil** - All the pilgrims move to the venue for the Closing Mass. With the Holy Father, they pray and adore the Eucharist before settling in to spend the night there.
- **Closing Mass** - As Sunday dawns, the pilgrims celebrate Mass with the Pope. After the Closing Mass, the Holy Father announces the host of the next World Youth Day.

	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8
AM	Registration	Catechesis	Catechesis	Catechesis	Pilgrimage to place of vigil	Closing Mass
PM	Opening Mass		Welcome Ceremony for the Pope	Way of the Cross	Vigil	
Freetime	Youth Festivals Reconciliation Park and Vocations Fair					

Source: <https://wydseoul.org/en/introduction/moment>

D. THE MOPCY DELEGATION TO WYD 2027

The MOPCY delegation is organized and managed by the MOPCY Core Team on behalf of the Military Ordinariate. The delegation will apply to be part of the official Philippine delegation to WYD 2027 through the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) – Episcopal Commission on Youth (ECY).

Leadership and Accompaniment

MOPCY is shepherded through the pastoral guidance of Most Rev. Oscar Jaime L. Florencio, DD, Military Ordinary, who accompanies the young pilgrims throughout WYD 2027. The delegation is under the direction of the MOPCY Youth Director, supported by a Core Team of youth leaders, and chaplains.

Core Team Responsibilities



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- Screening of applicants and acceptance of pilgrims
- Handling the MOPCY group registration process
- Coordinating travel arrangements, including itineraries and flight bookings
- Assisting with Korean visa application procedures
- Managing aftercare for the delegation, including return-trip monitoring, evaluation, reunion, and other follow-up activities

WYD Arrangement

MOPCY is proposing the Basic WYD Package, selected to be economically accessible to youth pilgrims. This package is expected to include:

- Simple accommodations (e.g., schools, foster families, parishes)
- Daily meals
- Transportation and insurance during the WYD event
- The official pilgrim kit

Delegation Itinerary

Pilgrims may choose between two delegation itinerary options:

1. **The Full Itinerary, which includes both the Days in the Diocese (July 29 - August 2, 2027) and WYD 2027 Proper in Seoul (August 3-8, 2027);**
2. **WYD 2027 Only, which includes WYD 2027 Proper in Seoul (August 3-8, 2027) without joining the Days in the Diocese.**

Corresponding cost estimates for each option are provided in the Financial Requirements section.

After WYD, pilgrims may undertake post-WYD itineraries. These should be informed to the MOPCY Core Team for tracking purposes, but are not necessarily required as part of the documents submitted for the Korean visa application.

MOPCY is also planning an optional post-WYD itinerary from August 9 to August 11, 2027. Details have not yet been finalized, but possible destinations include the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), Nami Island, and other parts of Seoul. Joining this itinerary is entirely optional — pilgrims are free to return to the Philippines immediately after WYD 2027 if they prefer. Pilgrims who wish to join will need to shoulder additional fees for accommodation and attraction/entrance fees, on top of the costs outlined in the Financial Requirements section.

E. ORIGIN, ENDORSEMENT, AND QUALIFICATIONS

Origin



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MOPCY welcomes young people connected to the Military Ordinariate who wish to participate in WYD 2027, including:

- Active and reserve personnel of the AFP, PNP, PCG, BFP, and BJMP who are of qualifying age
- Dependents of military, police, and uniformed personnel
- Active youth servers and ministry members of a MOP Church

provided they are endorsed by their Camp Chaplain, following the endorsement chain described below.

Endorsement

Any individual who wishes to apply must secure an endorsement that passes through the following chain of authority: from the applicant's Camp Chaplain (WYD Local Endorser), who endorses the applicant to the Military Bishop (Military Ordinary, WYD Final Endorser). Upon confirming the merits of the local endorsement, the Military Bishop then endorses accepted MOPCY pilgrims to the CBCP-ECY Chairman, for inclusion in the official Philippine delegation to WYD 2027.

Each endorsement must clearly describe the applicant's involvement in his/her camp, unit, or command, and explain why the endorser believes the applicant is qualified to be a WYD pilgrim. Endorsements must be issued individually — not as a group — and must not be a generic, fill-in-the-blanks letter.

Step	Endorser	Endorsed To
1. Local Endorsement	Camp Chaplain	Military Bishop (Military Ordinary)
2. Final MOPCY Endorsement	Military Bishop (Military Ordinary)	CBCP-ECY Chairman

Applicants from origins other than a camp/unit (e.g., a MOPCY-recognized youth ministry or school) may follow an adapted chain, to be confirmed by the MOPCY Core Team.

General Qualifications to be a MOPCY Pilgrim

A key requirement for all interested individuals is to read and fully understand this handbook. In addition, each applicant must meet the following qualifications:

- Be within the qualifying age bracket (see below)
- Have a clear and sincere intention to join WYD, including a commitment to return to the Philippines after the approved itinerary
- Be actively participating in the faith life and/or youth ministry of his/her unit, parish, or command
- Agree to and follow all arrangements made by MOPCY for its delegation
- Commit to attending all preparatory formation sessions and the re-entry session



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- Be endorsed by the designated endorser of his/her origin

Specific Guidelines on Age

- A. Youth Pilgrim: at least 14 and no older than 35 years old by July 26, 2027
 - If aged 14 to 17 (minor): must be accompanied by a chaperone who is also a registered pilgrim of the delegation, and must secure a DSWD Travel Clearance authorized in writing by the minor's parents or legal guardian (see Application Requirements, Section F, for the full document list).
 - In accordance with the Youth Protection Act of the Republic of Korea, participants must be born on or before December 31, 2008, to be considered adults under Korean law.
- B. Youth Minister Pilgrim: 25 to 60 years old by July 26, 2027, with certification as an active youth minister currently serving his/her origin.
- C. Adult Pilgrim: 36 to 60 years old by July 26, 2027, actively involved in and supportive of an ecclesial ministry within his/her setting.

Special Note: Upon returning from WYD 2027, all pilgrims are expected to commit to serving their parish, unit, or command for at least 1 year

F. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

Requirements

Each applicant must submit the following documents. These are mandatory but may not be limited to the list below:

Requirement	Details	Copies
MOPCY Application Form	Fully and legibly accomplished	1 original, 2 photocopies
Passport	Biopage and all stamped pages, valid at least 6 months after intended return to the Philippines	3 photocopies
Korean Visa Application Form & Data Privacy Consent Form	Visa Application Form No. 17, duly and legibly accomplished, per the Embassy of Korea/KVAC's current C-3-9 Short-Term Tourist visa requirements (see Korean Visa Requirements below)	1 original each
ID Photo for Visa Application	Colored, passport-size (3.5cm width × 4.5cm height), front-facing against a plain white background, taken within the last 6 months; no copies, selfies, or digitally altered/photoshopped photos	1-2 pcs, as required by KVAC



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Round-trip Flight Itinerary / Booking	Manila-Incheon-Manila, or as arranged by the MOPCY Core Team	1 copy
OECD Visa/Stamp Copies (if applicable)	Original and photocopy of valid visa(s) and arrival stamps to OECD member countries within the past 5 years	As applicable
PRC or IBP Card (if applicable)	Photocopy, for licensed professionals or lawyers	As applicable
Bank Certificate (Original)	Original, issued in the applicant's name within the last 3 months, showing account name, account number, account type, opening date, current balance, and 6-month average daily balance (ADB). Required for all applicant categories; optional for student-applicants (see Proof of Income / Employment below)	1 original
Proof of Income / Employment (per applicant category)	<p>1. Employed Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Certificate of Employment (COE) on official company letterhead, stating position, salary, date hired, company address, and HR contact details (phone and e-mail); issued within the last 3 months Photocopy of Income Tax Return (BIR Form 2316 or BIR Form 1701) <p>2. Sole Proprietorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of DTI Certificate of Business Name Registration Copy of Mayor's / Business Permit Copy of Income Tax Return (BIR Form 1701) <p>3. Corporate Business Owner / Entrepreneur / Shareholder / Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of SEC Registration (1st page) and General Information Sheet (GIS) Copy of Mayor's Permit Copy of Income Tax Return (BIR Form 1701 or 1702) <p>4. Remote Worker / Telecommuting Employee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Certificate of Employment (COE) Copy of employment or consulting agreement covering the remote / work-from-home arrangement 	Original and copies, per category



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Income Tax Return (BIR Form 2316 or BIR Form 1701) <p>5. Freelancer / Independent Contractor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If engaged by a Philippine company: copy of the Service/Project Agreement, BIR Form 2307 (if applicable), BIR Form 2303/COR (if applicable), and BIR Form 1701/1701Q • If engaged by an offshore/foreign client: copy of the Independent Contractor Agreement, Certificate of Engagement from the client, billing invoices (if applicable), proof of inward remittance for the last 3 months, and BIR Form 1701/1701Q (if applicable) <p>6. Retirees / Senior Citizens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Senior Citizen's ID or Retirement Certificate • Proof of pension, if applicable (SSS, GSIS, or private pension statement covering the last 3 to 6 months) • Latest Income Tax Return or proof of property/asset ownership, if applicable • If financially sponsored by a family member: original PSA document proving the relationship (Birth or Marriage Certificate), plus the sponsor's proof of income and bank documents <p>7. Housewives / Homemakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's original PSA Marriage Certificate • Spouse's financial documents (original COE, original Bank Certificate, Income Tax Return) and a valid government-issued ID • If sponsored by an immediate family member other than the spouse: sponsor's proof of income and original PSA documents proving the family relationship <p>8. Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Certificate of Enrolment or copy of School ID, plus original PSA Birth Certificate 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of parent's valid passport or government-issued ID • Parents' financial documents (original COE, original Bank Certificate, Income Tax Return) and original PSA Marriage Certificate (mandatory sponsor requirement) • If sponsored by an immediate family member other than a parent: sponsor's proof of income and original PSA documents proving the family relationship <p>9. Religious Staff & Ministers (e.g., Camp Chaplains, religious sisters/brothers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a paid religious worker: original COE; religious worker identification (e.g., Certificate of Priesthood or Religious Profession); Certificate of Registration of Authority to Solemnize Marriage, if applicable; and SEC Registration (1st page) with GIS of the religious organization • If an unpaid/volunteer religious worker: original Certificate of Membership and SEC Registration (1st page) of the religious organization <p>10. Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) sponsor or applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) from the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) • Copy of Employment Contract 	
DSWD Travel Clearance (for Minor Pilgrims, ages 14-17)	Required for all pilgrim-applicants below 18 years old who will travel without both of their parents (i.e., accompanied only by a chaperone or guardian who is not their parent), per Philippine Bureau of Immigration and DSWD regulations. Includes: (a) DSWD Travel Clearance Certificate, secured through the DSWD Travel Clearance system; (b) notarized Affidavit of Support and Consent executed by the minor's parent(s) or legal guardian; (c) original PSA Birth Certificate of	1 original (Clearance and Affidavit), 2 photocopies



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	the minor; and (d) photocopy of a valid passport or government-issued ID of the minor's parent(s) or legal guardian. If only one parent is available to give consent, DSWD may require additional supporting documents (e.g., Solo Parent ID, proof of sole parental authority, or PSA Death/Marriage Certificate).	
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Note: The Endorsement and Passport documents above also serve as required supporting documents for the Korean (C-3) visa application lodged through KVAC; see "Korean Visa Requirements for Filipino Pilgrims" later in this section for the visa-specific documents to prepare alongside these.

Korean Visa Requirements for Filipino Pilgrims

Philippine passport holders travelling to the Republic of Korea for WYD 2027 must secure a Short-Term Visit for Tourist (C-3-9) Visa before departure. The details below are drawn from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines' official C-3-9 visa requirements; pilgrims should always verify current requirements with the Embassy and the Korea Visa Application Center (KVAC) before applying, as these are periodically updated:

Item	Details
Visa Type	Short-Term Visit for Tourist (C-3-9), single-entry, for stays of 90 days or less; visa valid for 3 months from the date of issue
Visa Fee (Embassy)	GRATIS for stays of 59 days or less; PHP 2,000 for stays of 60 to 90 days (per KVAC's official fee schedule)
Application Channel	Lodged through the Korea Visa Application Center (KVAC) in Manila (with satellite/partner branches in other cities); the Embassy does not accept walk-in applications directly
KVAC Service Fee	PHP 1000 per applicant (official KVAC processing fee); an additional express or courier fee may apply if those options are used
Processing Time	Varies by volume and season; MOPCY pilgrims should apply well ahead of the WYD 2027 travel dates
Passport Validity	Valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended date of return to the Philippines

For minor pilgrims (14-17 years old), the DSWD Travel Clearance requirement listed in the Application Requirements above must also be coordinated with the visa application, as KVAC may request it as supporting proof of guardianship for minors travelling without both parents.



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Note: Visa fees, documentary requirements, and processing times are periodically updated by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and KVAC (this section reflects KVAC's official requirements as of their most recent published update).

Submission Instructions

Duly complete all the details in the [MOPCY WYD2027 Application Form](#) including the signature of your local endorser. Applications must be submitted via [Google Forms](#) on or before September 30, 2026.

Screening

Once an application is submitted and deemed complete, it proceeds to the screening stage. If the submitted documents are insufficient for a decision, the Core Team may invite the applicant for a personal screening interview, with mode, schedule, and venue specified in the invitation. Screening results are typically released within one to two weeks after the screening process. All decisions made after screening are final.

Acceptance

An applicant who is officially accepted becomes a PILGRIM of MOPCY. A list of all the accepted applicants will be posted on the MOP Commission on Youth Facebook Page.

WARNING: Accepting to become a WYD2027 Pilgrim will officially count your slot, if you in the future need to back-out, there must be replacement of the same category (example: “adult to adult”, “priest to priest”).

G. PREPARATIONS AS A PILGRIM

The MOPCY Core Team will share further details regarding the group’s preparations once the ECY–Philippines Delegation Primer for WYD 2027 has been released. Several preparatory activities and formation sessions will be scheduled in the coming months, including:

- Online formation sessions
- A Delegation Preparatory Session prior to departure
- A post-WYD Re-Entry Session for reintegration and reflection

Each pilgrim is strongly encouraged to undertake personal preparation for the grace of WYD 2027 — including familiarizing oneself with Korean culture, and cultivating a disposition of respect, openness, and joy for this faith journey.

H. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The following is a planning-level cost estimate. Airfare and Travel Insurance are included below for reference, but these will be booked and paid for directly through MOPCY's partner travel agency, not collected by MOPCY.



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Item	Payable To	Est. Amount (USD / PHP)	Notes
WYD Solidarity Share	Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life	\$15 USD (≈ ₱930)	Confirmed rate set by the Dicastery itself.
WYD 2027 Registration Fee	WYD 2027 Seoul Organizers	\$310 USD (≈ ₱19,500)	A1 Package (Aug 2 evening – Aug 9 morning, 8 days): includes accommodation with daily breakfast, meals (dinner Aug 2 to breakfast Aug 9), access to Seoul public transportation, personal accident & liability insurance, and pilgrim kit. Source: WYD Seoul 2027 LOC, official Pilgrim Packages document.
Forex/Card Conversion Fee	Card network fee	\$6 USD (≈ ₱400)	1% cross-border fee + 1% foreign exchange conversion fee (2% total), applied when paying the USD-denominated WYD 2027 Registration Fee; may be reduced if a USD-denominated account/card is opened.
DID Participation Cost	DID Host-Diocese	\$100 USD (≈ ₱6,300)	Food and accommodations during the Days in the Diocese; amount to be confirmed by the host-diocese. Applies only to the Full Itinerary option; waived entirely for pilgrims choosing WYD 2027 Only.
Korean Visa Fee	Embassy of the Republic of Korea	GRATIS (\$0)	GRATIS for MOPCY's typical itinerary (59 days or less); \$32 USD (≈ ₱2,000) would apply only if a pilgrim's total stay (incl. post-WYD travel) reaches 60-90 days



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Korean Visa Service Fee	Korea Visa Application Center (KVAC), Manila	\$16 USD (≈ ₱1,000)	Official KVAC processing fee per applicant
Bus Transfer	Bus company	Full Itinerary: \$48 USD (≈ ₱3,000) WYD Only: \$32 USD (≈ ₱2,000)	From Incheon airport to DID/WYD venues and back (Full Itinerary), or to WYD venues only (WYD 2027 Only, no DID-related transfers)
MOPCY Delegation Kit	Printing/supplier	\$16 USD (≈ ₱1,000)	WYD2027 Diocesan Shirt, Umbrella, Rain Coat, Fan
Miscellaneous Cost	MOPCY Core Team	\$8 USD (≈ ₱500)	Use as a buffer for unexpected price fluctuations.
Travel Insurance	Travel Insurance Provider (via MOPCY partner travel agency)	Full Itinerary: \$48 USD (≈ ₱3,000) WYD Only: \$19 USD (≈ ₱1,200)	Insurance Plan for the whole duration of stay (Full Itinerary, ~12-14 days) or the ~8-day WYD-only trip (WYD 2027 Only); included in Estimated Total for budgeting purposes, but still booked and paid for directly through MOPCY's partner travel agency, not collected by MOPCY
*Airfare	Airline (via MOPCY partner travel agency)	\$484 USD (≈ ₱30,000)	Round-trip, from the Philippines to South Korea, vice-versa.
ESTIMATED TOTAL — Full Itinerary (DID + WYD)		\$1,051 USD (≈ ₱65,200)	Includes DID Participation Cost, Airfare, Travel Insurance (Full Itinerary rate), and the BDO card forex fee on the Registration Fee.
ESTIMATED TOTAL — WYD 2027 Only		\$906 USD (≈ ₱56,200)	Excludes DID Participation Cost; uses the WYD Only Bus Transfer and Travel Insurance rates; includes Airfare and card forex fee on the Registration Fee.

Note: Should MOPCY adopt a US-dollar or euro-denominated fee schedule, amounts above may be restated accordingly. Airfare and travel insurance figures will shift with the peso's exchange rate and the eventual finalized WYD travel dates.



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**Airfare can be booked separately per camp (whole camp delegation in one booking, not individually) given that they will arrive ahead of time before the Departure of the Bus Shuttle from the airport to the days in the diocese location. Strictly the shuttle will only pick-up at the airport, so do not leave the airport premises.*

I. GENERAL TIMELINE

As WYD 2027 is approximately one year away, MOPCY is preparing this timeline in advance of the official CBCP-ECY Delegation Primer. Dates below marked in red are to be set by the MOPCY Core Team.

Date	Activity
Phase 1: Application & Screening	
<i>Aug 31, 2026</i>	Release of this Handbook/Primer
<i>Aug 31, 2026</i>	Start of Application Period
<i>Sept 30, 2026</i>	Deadline: Submission of Application
<i>Oct 13, 2026</i>	Final Deadline: Submission of Application
<i>Sept 30 - Oct 30, 2026</i>	Screening and Approval of Applications
<i>Nov 2, 2026</i>	Posting of Final Delegation List
Phase 2: File Preparation	
<i>Jan 31, 2027</i>	Deadline: Submission of Financial Requirements and Membership Cancellation
<i>Apr 30, 2027</i>	Deadline: Submission of Visa Application Documents
<i>May 30, 2027</i>	Start of Korean Visa Application
Phase 3: WYD Preparatory Sessions	
<i>Feb - June, 2027</i>	Online Delegation Formation Sessions
<i>July 24, 2027</i>	Onsite Delegation Preparatory Session
Phase 4: Pilgrimage	
<i>July 28, 2027</i>	Departure for Days in the Diocese (3 PM transfer to Jeonju)
<i>July 29 - Aug 2, 2027</i>	Days in the Diocese
<i>Aug 3 - 8, 2027</i>	World Youth Day 2027, Seoul



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<i>Aug 9 - 11, 2027</i>	<i>Optional Post-WYD Itinerary</i>
Phase 5: Post-WYD	
<i>Aug 28, 2027</i>	Delegation Re-Entry Session
<i>After WYD 2027, on DYD 2027</i>	WYD Re-echoing (ongoing, in pilgrims' respective units/parishes)

J. CANCELLATION

Cancellation of Membership

A membership to MOPCY's WYD delegation may be cancelled in either of two ways:

- By the pilgrim, for valid and acceptable reason(s), through written notification signed by the pilgrim; cancellation takes effect upon MOPCY's receipt of the notice. They will need to find a replacement for their slot. The notice should be sent before the deadline of financial requirements.
- By MOPCY, if a pilgrim fails to comply with a requirement, or if MOPCY has established that the person is no longer qualified to be a pilgrim. MOPCY reserves the right not to disclose the basis for non-acceptance or cancellation.

APPENDIX: CONTACT INFORMATION

For updates and more information on MOPCY's delegation to WYD 2027, kindly contact:

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