



**WORLD YOUTH DAY**

MADRID 2011

16-21 AUGUST

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The Pope thanks you for your affection and sends you out as ambassadors of the joy that our World needs.

**- Benedict XVI**

#### WHAT IS WORLD YOUTH DAY?

It is a great worldwide encounter with the Pope, for young people, which is celebrated every three years in a different country. This time it was celebrated in Madrid from August 16th to 21st, 2011.

The Pope prayed that Christ's love would "increase your joy and encourage you to go in search of those less fortunate. You are open to the idea of sharing your lives with others, so be sure not to pass by on the other side" of the road "in the face of human suffering, for it is here that God expects you to give of your very best: your capacity for love and compassion."

"The Cross was not a sign of failure, but an expression of self-giving love," the pope said. The cross "teaches us to love what God loves and in the way that he loves. This is the good news that gives hope to the world."

'The harsh wood of the Cross, he said, is a sign of the self-giving love that will give eternal life to all who ask.'



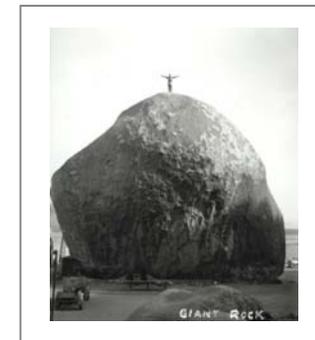
"I express my deep appreciation for all those social and pastoral initiatives aimed at combating the socio-economic and cultural mechanisms which lead to abortion, and openly concerned with defending life and promoting the reconciliation and healing of those harmed by the tragedy of abortion."

Pope Benedict XVI

READ THE POPE'S FULL MESSAGE AT [www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2011/08/18/wyd-2011-full-text-of-pope-benedict-xvi%e2%80%99s-address-in-the-plaza-de-cibeles/](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2011/08/18/wyd-2011-full-text-of-pope-benedict-xvi%e2%80%99s-address-in-the-plaza-de-cibeles/)

The Gospel continues, explaining these things with the evocative image of someone who builds on solid rock, resistant to the onslaught of adversity, and in contrast to someone who builds on sand - we would say today in what appears a paradise - but which collapses with the first gust of wind and falls into ruins.

If you build on solid rock, not only your life will be solid and stable, but it will also help project the light of Christ shining upon those of your own age and upon the whole of humanity, presenting a valid alternative to all those who have fallen short, because the essentials in their lives were inconsistent; to all those who are content to follow fashionable ideas, they take shelter in the here and now, forgetting true justice, or they take refuge in their own opinions instead of seeking the simple truth.



# What we do!

A range of services is available to any women or girl who thinks they may be pregnant and for whom the pregnancy is likely to cause a problem.

These services include:

- Free pregnancy testing
- Confidential counselling
- Practical help

IN ADDITION:

Counsellors also speak in schools on the development of the baby in the womb and the long term effects abortion can have both emotionally and physically for the mother.

We are supported by Pro Life Cells which have been formed in schools, parishes & local communities. These groups offer support both practically, by providing layettes, and spiritually by praying for the pro life cause.

## Calendar of Events

### **Torchlight Procession**

Mass and procession in St. Francis Xavier, Carfin, ML1 5HA.  
7.30 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Tea afterwards in St. Francis Xavier Church Hall

### **Ceilidh & Annual Raffle**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Holy Family Church Hall, Mossend.  
7.30 – 11.30 pm. £6 for adults, £3 for children - includes food.

**Everyone is welcome!**

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# The Society of the Innocents Lanarkshire



'Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith.' (Saint Paul)

***Grant us, Oh Lord, a new appreciation of the sanctity of human life. Show us how to make our Society, one in which no child is unwanted, no adult feels abandoned, and the pressures which lead to abortion, no longer exist. Grant Lord that those who acknowledge the sanctity of life, will be inspired by your son to lead a life of sanctity, Amen***

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