BCYS Young Adult Ministry

**“Adventure in Faith”**

*Journey in Leadership towards World Youth Day 2023*

**Is this you?**

* Age 17 to 27 in August 2023
* Questioning about your Catholic faith – committed to discovering more
* Part of a Catholic parish or school in the Diocese of Brentwood
* Ready to travel to an event with 2 million young people from around the world
* Able to walk 10 – 15km
* Other people tell you that you have potential as a young leader

**Who are we?**

* The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – providing opportunities for young people in Essex and East London since 1978.
* Experienced in accompanying young adults
* Travelled to World Youth Days since 2005
* Believe in the God-given potential of every young person
* Enjoy questions and challenge about faith

**What are we offering you?**

* **Two weeks in Porto and Lisbon – approx. 26th July to 9th August 2023 – for** **World Youth Day 2023 – two million young people and the Pope, all in glorious Portugal!**
* **High quality preparation sessions** – about once a fortnight from October to July, sometimes on Zoom for an hour, sometimes a Sunday afternoon in person – timed to fit round school and Uni terms and exams
* The sessions include:
	+ A deep dive into Pope Francis letter to young people, *Christus Vivit*
	+ The challenges and joys of a life of prayer
	+ An afternoon conversation with Bishop Alan
	+ Teambuilding and leadership skills
	+ Fundraising tips and hints
	+ Input from Oxford graduates, Youth Alpha, and many people seasoned in accompanying young adults, with all your questions, talents, gifts and hopes
* **Participation in the Flame Congress, Wembley Arena, Saturday 4th March 2023,** with 8,000 young people including – for those age 19+ - the chance to volunteer Front of House or Backstage.

**What do we ask of you?**

* **Commitment. Come to the sessions.**
* **Fundraising. Over the year we’ll ask you to raise £850, helped by your parish or school.**

**Interested? There are just 40 places across Essex and East London, so we encourage early sign-up. Email** **WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org** **today. We’ll ask for a nomination from your parish, chaplaincy or school.**

**\*\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*\***

**Information meeting (in person in Romford, or via Zoom) on Wednesday 14th September, 7-8.30pm.**