

AEC YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2009 INFORMATION SHEET FOR DIOCESES



What we want to achieve for our pilgrims:

- Re-affirm their Catholic identity.
- Get a Catholic vision for their lives.
- Appreciate varying styles of celebrating Mass.
- Share a Christian experience with peers.
- Vocations to the priesthood & religious life.
- See themselves as a part of a vibrant youth Roman Catholic congregation across the Caribbean region.
- Regain the vigour and dynamism of the Roman Catholic faith.

Major activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ days in parishes | <p>July 9th – 14th</p> | <p>Pilgrims arrive on the 9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel to homes and institutions - work days will involve projects etc. Some pilgrims will be placed at a camp-site near a river. - Dress: Jeans, t-shirt |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ opening ceremony | <p>July 14th</p> | <p>Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dress: a semi-formal event |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ catechetical days | <p>July 14th – 17th</p> | <p>St. George's College & Alpha</p> <p>July 17 afternoon - Stations of the Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remember - comfortable walking shoes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jamboree – sports and Cultural Day | <p>July 18th</p> | <p>Campion College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilgrims will be divided into 8 houses all having local Jamaican town names and in different colours. Sporting events will include tug-o-war, football, netball, track and field; lime and spoon; catch the train for the clergy only; - Cultural events all the Provinces will be given 15 minutes (no longer) in which to make their cultural presentations. The choice of items for presentations (<i>e.g</i> dance, music, drama) will be at the sole discretion of the pilgrims in those Provinces. It will be held in a school auditorium, sound will be provided. Bring your own CD (recorded music), costumes. - Food – you are invited to bring sweets, or savouries for tasting by pilgrims, or whatever food items that you would like to share with pilgrims that represent a taste of your country. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Closing Ceremony
(day of prayer & witnessing) | <p>July 19th</p> | <p>National Arena</p> <p>Day of Prayer at the National Arena includes Eucharistic Liturgy</p> <p>Dress as for church</p> |

DAYS IN PARISHES AND CATECHETICAL DAYS



Outline Programme for days in the Parishes

FRIDAY July 10, 2009

08:45 –09:00	Gather
09:00 – 09:30	Singalong & prayer
09:30 – 10:00	Ice breaker
10:00 – 12:00	Work project (summer school, painting, cleaning etc)
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch
01:30 – 3:30	Work project
	Possible evening activity (movie, games, etc)

SATURDAY July 11, 2009

08:45 –09:00am	Gather
09:00 – 09:30	Singalong & prayer
09:30 – 10:00	Ice breaker
10:00 – 12:00	Work project (summer school, painting, cleaning etc)
12:00 – 1:30pm	Lunch

F R E E A F T E R N O O N

(To include sight-seeing)

SUNDAY July 12, 2009

Attend Eucharistic Liturgy and day with host family/ family day at host parishes.

MONDAY July 13, 2009 SAME AS FRIDAY

TUESDAY July 14, 2009

Sessions in the Kingston Metropolitan church parishes are to terminate by noon to allow the pilgrims to proceed to St. George's College for Registration which commences at 12 noon. The Opening Ceremony commences at 3:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY (Venue: Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity)

Tuesday, July 14th

12noon – 3:00pm	Arrival and Registration in Metropolitan Kingston
2:00pm	Lunch
3:30 – 5:30	Mass
	Parade of Flags
5:30 – 6:00	Proceed to Issa Auditorium
6:00 - 8:00	Opening Ceremony – Issa Auditorium
	Speeches (four): Host Bishop
	AEC Bishop in charge of Youth / Nuncio
	local youth representative
	civic official
	Musical presentation
	Dance piece
	Scripted Presentation on <i>Caribbean Youth Breaking Through in Hope</i>
	-2 young persons – male from Jamaica, female from Curacao. (10 mins.)
	Departure

SPORTS DAY & CULTURAL CELEBRATION

(Venue: *Campion College*)



SATURDAY, July 18th

9:00am	Mass
10:45	Day's activities begin
6:30pm	Day ends

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(Venue: *National Arena*)

SUNDAY, July 19th

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: Archbishop Reece

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Expectations of Pilgrims

Items to bring:

- Sleeping : Two flat sheets, pillow case; bath towel, wash rag,
- Toiletries: deodorant, shampoo, bath soap, shower cap; toothpaste; toothbrush; mouthwash / floss
- Personal Items: to include Sanitary napkins; underwear; undershirt; socks;
- Clothing: comfortable – jeans, t-shirts, swim suits; to include something suitable for church, and the opening ceremony; sneakers - running shoes; dress shoes;
- Umbrella / raincoat; flash light and batteries; insect repellent
- Medical supplies: Personal medication with repeat if applicable and medical history if necessary; (*fill out the Medical Information Form*)
- Bible, rosary and your personal prayer material.

2. Accommodation

Should you plan on arriving early or leaving later please advise us accordingly. These arrangements would have to be made separately.

Pilgrims will be placed in homes with host families as well as institutions throughout the dioceses of Kingston and Mandeville during the days in the Parishes (July 9 – 14). During the Catechetical Days pilgrims will be housed in the Archdiocese of Kingston in homes and institutions.

Adults accompanying pilgrims should be in a ratio of one in 15.

Clergy and religious sisters will be housed in convents and rectories.

3. Insurance for pilgrims

Each group is responsible for your own medical and travel insurances. The Archdiocese of Kingston will provide accident and peril.

4. Travel Arrangements

You are being advised to as far as is humanly possible arrive and depart from Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) – Kingston, Jamaica.

Pilgrims will be met at the airport and transported to their destinations from the July 9 – 20th.

5. Communication

An internet café will be set-up for pilgrims to contact their families at set hours.



6. Meals

Meals will be provided for all pilgrims throughout the Assembly. During the Catechetical Days pilgrims will receive their meals packaged in groups of 10.

7. Registration

Countries are to appoint **two persons** to register the pilgrims in their group. These are the only persons necessary in the registration area.

Registration Fee to be paid in US dollars. **Registration deadline: April 15, 2009**

Cheques are to be made payable to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kingston

8. Head of delegation

One person is to be appointed as head of their delegation. This person must be an adult and will be the contact person for all communication once in the island. This will help in the case of medical emergency, etc.

9. Medical

To appoint a person that all medical-related matters regarding pilgrims will be addressed. Doctors and other medical related persons will be on call. Sick Bay is located at all sites.

Fill out the attached medical information form and take along with you to the registration area.

10. Prayer of the Assembly (EVERY DAY)

Father of mercy and love,
as we, the youth of the Caribbean, gather together
for our AEC Youth Assembly 2009,
We give you thanks and praise for the gift of life.
Teach us to respect and celebrate life each day.
Grant us the grace to be faithful stewards
of the gift we have received
and to follow Christ as His disciples.

Father, may your Word be a lamp for our steps
and a light for our paths.
Pour out your Spirit upon us
that we may witness to the truth
be steadfast in our commitment to Christ,
respect the dignity of each person
and work for reconciliation in all our relationships.

Father, give us strength when we are weak,
hope when we are despair,
joy when we are sad,
courage when we are afraid,
and show us the way when we are lost.

Draw us closer to you and to Jesus your Son.
Then, united in faith, hope and love
under the care of Mary our Mother
may we discover what you have to offer us in Christ,
and may our joy be complete. Amen

Contact information: (*Visit: Archdiocesan Website and link for registration, updates, etc*).

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