EMERGING LEADERS and WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023







Our Group



Rome



Ambassador's Residence



La Pieta, Sculpture by Michelangelo, Vatican City



Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Wall

Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City



Meeting Blessed Pope Francis







Assisi







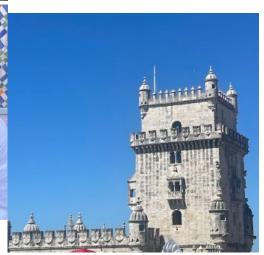


Sights

The Trevi fountain at night



Belem tower and the best portuguese tarts in portugal!!





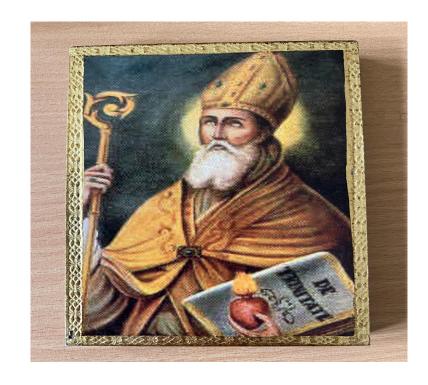


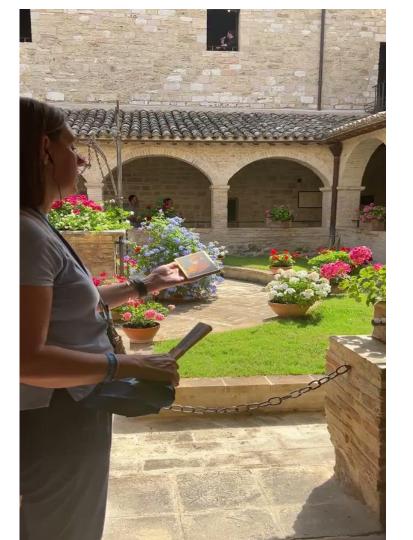
Pink Lane

St Augustine's Church in Rome



Archbishop Peter blessed the icon of St Augustine while we were in Assisi.





The Fatima Crew



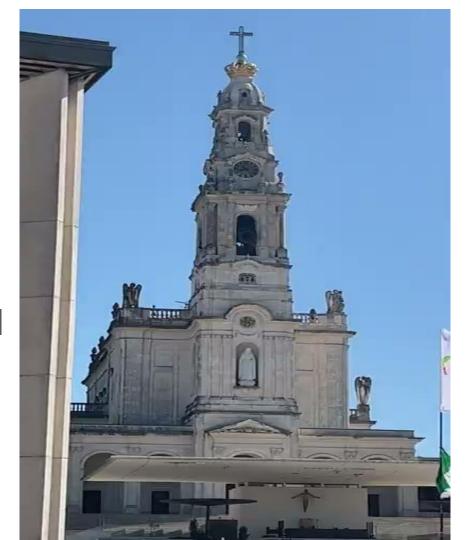
Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima







This is the Basilica Of Our Lady of Fatima. It is in Portugal. You can hear the beautiful bells that ring throughout the town.







World Youth Day Weekend

5th and 6th August 2023





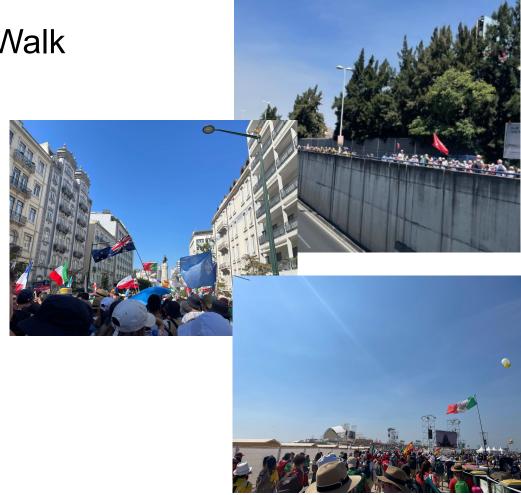
Saturday- The Morning Mass and Blessing



- The Saturday morning offered opportunities to reflect and prepare for the big walk ahead with our small groups.
- The Melbourne Pilgrims spent a hour together at Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima.
- Archbishop Peter blessed us for our journey ahead.

Saturday- The Pilgrimage Walk

- We walked over 12km to the Closing Mass located at Tejo Park.
- Hundreds of thousands of people from different countries waved their flags, sand songs and prayed.
- We were all excited to see the Holy Father.



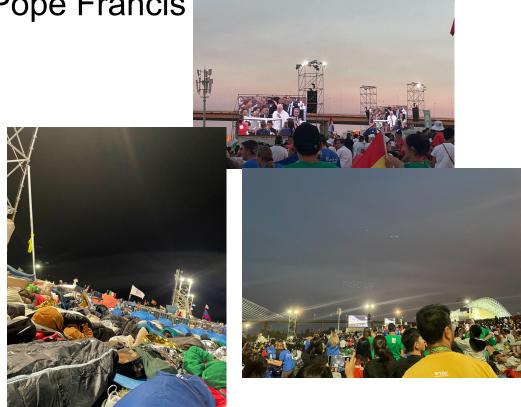
Saturday- Tejo Park



- After 7 hours of walking we finally arrived.
- Tejo Park was filled with many pilgrims celebrating and eating together.
- It was very hot and everyone was very tired.
- We could see a beautiful view of the bridge Vasco da Gama.

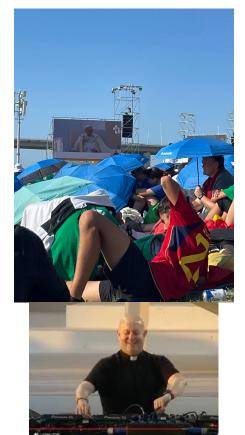
Saturday- Vigil Mass with Pope Francis

"You have all met here today to seek the message of Christ, do not keep it for yourselves, but bring it to others" -Pope Francis



Sunday- The Beautiful morning

- 1 million pilgrims were woken up by DJ Father Guilherme
- The Mass began at 9am with the Holy Father, Thousands of Bishops and and special guests.
- The Mass was spoken in many languages for all to hear.







Sunday- Reflecting on Pope Francis' Homily



"To shine, To listen, and to be Unafraid"

