

## WHAT IS THE VI<sup>th</sup> WORLD MEETING OF THE FAMILIES?



Every three years the Holy Father summons the catholic families of the world to an encounter of unity, in which thousands of families of

the five continents meet, in order to share, dialogue, pray and study in depth important aspects of the role of the Christian family, such as Domestic Church and base unit of evangelization and society.

Each World Meeting of Families is organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family, in collaboration with the diocese chosen as host.



These World Encounters of Families were instituted by the Servant of God John Paul II and initiated on the occasion of the International Year of the Family in 1994.



**Pope Benedict XVI is expected to be present at the Festive Event and closing Eucharist but his attendance has not yet been confirmed.**

To register for this pilgrimage please send a deposit check for \$250 (made payable to "Catholics for Pilgrimages") and the following information:

- Your name
- Complete address
- E-mail address
- Phone number
- Number attending
- Names of those attending

To:

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World Meeting of Families  
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St. Paul, MN 55107

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St. Paul & Minneapolis'  
Office for Marriage, Family & Life  
invites you to join a pilgrimage to the**

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**Mexico City  
January 12<sup>th</sup> - January 19<sup>th</sup>  
2009**



Jan 12

- Depart by plane from St.Paul International airport to Mexico City, Mexico.
- Private transportation to hotel. (located next to the Basilica of Guadalupe)
- Holy mass in the Basilica of Guadalupe and walking tour to the Cerrito of San Juan Diego.
- Welcome dinner in restaurant. Night in Hotel.

Jan 13

- Breakfast in hotel. Holy Mass at the Basilica of Guadalupe with Pilgrims.
- Private bus transportation to the Pyramids of Teotihuacan.
- PM return to Mexico city for attending World Family Meeting activities. Dinner in restaurant Night in Hotel.

June 14

- Breakfast in hotel. Morning mass in the Cathedral of Mexico. Walked tour around the "Zocalo" enjoying the beauty of this culture.
- World Family Meeting activities confirmed by the Organization in TECMA (see locat. map).
- Optional Excursion to Xochimilco city. Private bus transportation to the "Venice of Mexico City". Boat tour through the channels of Xochimilco. Lunch during the boat tour.
- PM return to the hotel for dinner in restaurant. Free time after dinner. Night in hotel.

June 15

- Breakfast in hotel. Holy Mass in the Basilica of Guadalupe with all Pilgrims.
- World Family Meeting Activities confirmed by the Organization in TECMA (see location)
- Optional guided tour visiting downtown.
- Dinner in Mexican restaurant. Night in hotel.

Jan 16

- Breakfast in hotel/restaurant.
- Holy Mass in local Parish.
- Day attending the World Family Meeting Activities & Catechesis in TECMA.
- Dinner and night in hotel.

Jan 17

- Breakfast in hotel/restaurant. Holy Mass.
- Day attending the World Family Meeting Activities & Catechesis in TECMA.
- Dinner in downtown restaurant.
- Free time after dinner. Night in hotel.

Jan 18

- Breakfast in hotel/restaurant.
- Morning attending the world Family Meeting activities.
- Closure Mass Ceremony with all Participants.
- Return to hotel and rest time.
- Farwell lunch in Mexican restaurant.
- Dinner in restaurant. Night in hotel.

Jan 19

- Breakfast in hotel.
- Private bus for transportation to Mexico Intl. Airport.
- Return flight to St.Paul, MN USA.



Package Includes

- Air plane ticket Round Trip St. Paul - Mexico City
- Private bus transportation Airport - Hotel - Airport
- 4 star hotel double/triple Accommodation (Hotel right by the Basilica of Guadalupe)
- 4 star hotel Family accommodation (Discount between 15% - 35% for children)
- Full Family Registration for the VI World Meeting of the Family (Until Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008)
- Optional Individual Registration (Individual Registration cost: +175.00USD)
- Breakfast in hotel & Dinner in restaurant provided every day.
- Single rooms available (55.00USD per night)
- Land taxes included. Air taxes not included
- 1 Catholic Group Coordinator during the entire Pilgrimage in Mexico City.

**World Meeting of Families 2009 price / pilgrim**

**\$1,745.00 USD**

**\$250 Deposit required by September 10<sup>th</sup>**