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Circular No.: P14/2026-2027

9th November 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Diocesan Secondary School Delegation to the 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea

World Youth Day (hereafter "WYD") is an international event organized by the Catholic Church, founded by the late Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985. Through prayer, sacraments, catechesis, and personal reflection, WYD aims to deepen the faith of young people. Past WYD events have brought together youth from hundreds of countries, allowing participants to experience firsthand the diversity and universality of the Church. It breaks down cultural, national, and linguistic barriers, serving as a platform for global fraternity, understanding, and peace. WYD empowers participants to return to their local communities as active "missionary disciples."

Our school is arranging for students to participate in the "Diocesan Secondary School Delegation to the 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea." Earlier, Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School (one of the organizing schools for the diocesan secondary school delegation) was entrusted to conduct the tendering process. Based on a detailed comparison and consideration of the services and prices offered in the proposals from various bidding travel agencies, the Incorporated Management Committee of Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School has confirmed the appointment of Hong Kong Student Travel (HKST) (https://www.hkst.com/) to arrange this pilgrimage and learning activity. We cordially invite your child to participate in this event. The details are as follows:

Activity Dates:	August 1, 2027 (Sunday) to August 10, 2027 (Tuesday) (10 days in total)
Location:	Seoul, South Korea
Spiritual Directors:	Fr. Matthias Choi CY, OFM (Franciscan Friars, Hong Kong), Sisters (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará)
Organizing Schools:	Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School, Kwun Tong Maryknoll College, Newman Catholic College, St. Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School (in no particular order)
Co-organizing School:	St. Bonaventure College and High School
Participating Schools:	St. Joan of Arc Secondary School, Leung Shek Chee College, St. Peter's Secondary School, Yu Chun Keung Memorial College, St. Antonius Girls' College (in no particular order)
Target Participants:	Students aged 14 or above (must be aged 14 or above on or before July 31, 2027)
Itinerary & Arrangements:	The program is divided into two parts: ➢ *Formation Period:* January to July 2027 ➢ *WYD Tour:* August 1 to August 10, 2027 (Official WYD Event Dates: August 3 to August 8, 2027)

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<tr><td>Itinerary Details</td><td>
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<tr><th>Date / Period</th><th>Itinerary</th></tr>
<tr><td>Jan 30, 2027 (Sat)</td><td><u>1st Joint-School Gathering</u>
Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Venue: St. Bonaventure Church</td></tr>
<tr><td>Feb to Apr 2027</td><td>School-based formation activities (arranged individually by our school)</td></tr>
<tr><td>May 8, 2027 (Sat)</td><td><u>2nd Joint-School Gathering</u>
Time: TBC
Venue: TBC</td></tr>
<tr><td>Jun 2027</td><td>School-based formation activities (arranged individually by our school)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Jul 18, 2027 (Sun)</td><td><u>Joint-School Gathering & Hong Kong Diocesan Delegation Commissioning Mass</u>
Time: 3:00 PM
Venue: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception</td></tr>
<tr><td>Day 1:
Aug 1 (Sun)</td><td>Fly from Hong Kong directly to Seoul (Incheon International Airport) via Cathay Pacific</td></tr>
<tr><td>Day 2:
Aug 2 (Mon)</td><td><u>Pre-World Youth Day Retreat</u>
Venue: TBC</td></tr>
<tr><td>Days 3–8:
Aug 3–8 (Tue–Sun)</td><td><u>Participate in the official World Youth Day activities</u>
(details to be announced by the organizers)
Official Website: https://wydseoul.org/en</td></tr>
<tr><td>Day 9:
Aug 9 (Mon)</td><td><u>Visit Jeoldu-san Martyrs' Shrine, Myeongdong Cathedral, Myeongdong Shopping District, and a large supermarket in Seoul</u></td></tr>
<tr><td>Day 10:
Aug 10 (Tue)</td><td>Take a Cathay Pacific flight back to Hong Kong</td></tr>
<tr><td>Sep 2027 (TBC)</td><td><u>Joint-School Reunion Day</u>
(details to be announced later)</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Accommodation</td><td>Local hotel accommodation (not lower than 3-star rating) will be provided for the entire trip, except on August 7, 2027 (participants will stay at the venue provided by the WYD organizers on the night of August 7).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Transportation</td><td>Direct round-trip flights between Hong Kong and Seoul via Cathay Pacific.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Tour Fee</td><td>HK$12,300 (Original price: HK$16,800; the school subsidizes HK$4,500 from the Life-wide Learning and Sister Schools Grant for each participant).</td></tr>
<tr><td>Accompanying Teacher</td><td>Ms. Y. M. Chan</td></tr>
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Application Procedure

Upon replying to this circular, the school will conduct interviews to select eligible participants.

Date	Schedule
Nov 10, 2026 (Tue)	Distribution of circular and start of applications. ➢ Distribution of application forms; brief introduction to the interview content & arrangements. ➢ Briefing on the itinerary and Q&A session.
Nov 16 noon (Mon)	Deadline for circular submission ***
Nov 17 (Tue), 2026	Student Selection Interviews
Nov 18, 2026 (Wed)	Announcement of selected and waitlisted participants
Nov 19, 2026 (Thu)	Collection of relevant documents, identification cards/passports, and tour fees

Tour Fee Details: HK$12,300 (Original price HK$16,800, school subsidy HK$4,500. The fee includes: transport, meals, accommodation, insurance, official WYD registration fees, spiritual directors' fees, and other miscellaneous expenses).

Payment Method: Parents are requested to make payment by a crossed cheque (payable to "The IMC of St. Joan of Arc Secondary School") by Thursday, 19 November 2026. Cheques can be submitted to Ms. Y. M. Chan, with the student's name, class, and class number written on the back.

Remarks:

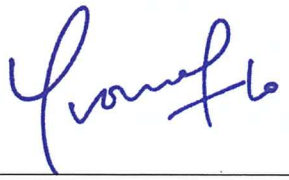
1. The above fees include basic travel insurance. Parents may purchase additional insurance for their child if necessary.
2. Once the activity arrangements are confirmed, all paid fees are non-refundable.

Travel Document Requirements: Please ensure you arrange the necessary documents according to the following categories:

1. *Born in Hong Kong:* Must hold a valid HKSAR Passport (with at least 6 months validity from the departure date).
2. *Other Passports:* Please check with the teacher-in-charge individually. If an entry visa or travel authorization (such as the Korea Electronic Travel Authorization [K-ETA] or a consular entry visa) is required for entering South Korea, all related application procedures and additional costs incurred must be borne and paid by the parents in full.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact Ms. Y. M. Chan at 2578 5984.

Yours faithfully,





Ms HO Yee Wan Yvonne
Principal

Fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him. (Romans 15:13)

Reply Slip Circular No.: P14/2026-2027

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Dear Principal,

I, the parent / guardian of _____ (student's name) (Class: _____ No: _____), acknowledge the receipt of the circular and my child * **will / will not** participate in the Diocesan Secondary School Delegation to the 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Emergency contact no.: _____

Date: _____

*Please delete the inappropriate