

The Program of the Meeting
in the Towns of Losice and Miedzyrzec Podlaski



DAY I

20.07. 2016

‘At the Gates of Jericho’

The arrival and accommodation in Losice

The arrival place – the Transborder Centre at Narutowicza Street, where the declared families will pick up the guests – volunteers’ help.

DAY II

21. 07. 2016

‘The Trumpets of Jericho’ – the Days of Jericho Culture and History

And Joshua son of Nun calleth unto the priests, and said unto them, ‘Bear ye the ark of the covenant, and seven priests do bear seven trumpets of the jubilee before the ark of God’ Jos. 6.6

The sound of horns, the solemn fanfares are associated with greeting a king. Such a solemn greeting is awaiting you on the very first day of your arrival, at the same time sharing with you our spiritual and cultural heritage. A fanfare is also a symbol of a testimony of faith, which will be the leading thought of the first morning.

The morning:

7:00 – 9:00 – family breakfast

9:00 – 9:45 – Lauds – a parish prayer

10:00 – 11:00 - catechetical lectures in language groups: 'The martyrdom of the epoch of iPhone'

And Jesus said *«I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out»* Luke 19.40

We all know today how a brave and clear belief testimonial youths need today. And it is our bishopric in Poland that is known to have witnessed two heroic events connected with our belief: the martyrdom in Pratulín in 1874 and the Cross Protection by the youths in 1984. And that is what we want to tell you about. The catechetical lectures will be accompanied by the testimonials of some youths engaged in the host parish movements and associations.

11:00 – 12:00 – the outcome of the catechetical lectures will be exchanging the belief experience in small international groups.

The afternoon

12:00 – Dinner / regional dishes – dinner at the Property of Polinów connected with a chat about this place.

13.30 – 16.00 – 'The Pearl of the Region' – in every part of the region we show our guests something extraordinary: unique people, places and marvelous specialties. At Polinów you will see horse-riding shows, fire-brigade shows, you will be sightseeing Polinów as well as the Museum belonging to Mr Kosieradzki.

16.30 – we will leave for the bishop town of Siedlce for the main event.

The evening

And God said to Joshua «I have delivered Jericho into your hands (...) When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout (...)!» Jos. 6.2.5

Since we are to create the unbelievable Christ's army of Jericho, please do bring especially yourself-designed Jericho flag being the symbol of your group and please compose your own warrior exclamation typical for your group.

18.00 – 'The fanfares of Jericho' - The Inauguration of the World Youth Day

· This unique evening will be initiated by the solemn fanfares of Jericho announcing beginning of the World Youth Day. Our international society will be presided by the bishops, and your hosts and other honorable guests will be present.

· Greetings and presentation of the groups from particular countries – flag presentation and exclamations.

· The dance of Polonez by the Town Hall – our national dance, which you will be asked to perform with us, will start the gorgeous event presenting our national history and the contemporary culture of our bishopric.

- Our history will be presented to you with the typical for the 21st century technique of mapping. If it is possible, ask one couple of your group to wear your national folk clothes.
- The prayer meditation and adoration concert

Our common adoration of God will be the culmination point of this amazing evening.

- Um, and how about the evening meal? Don't worry, in the evening we will have much time for dinning 😊

The return to Łosice at about 22⁰⁰

DAY III

22.07.2016

'On the way from Jerusalem to Jericho'

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead (...)" Luke 10,30

Jericho played a great role in Christ's mission since it witnessed His healing of the blind man sitting by the walls. It was also on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho that Christ announced one of the greatest parables about God's Mercy. Before we look at the eyes of Merciful Christ on the famous painting made on the basis of the Diary of St Faustina in Cracow we will together experience the God's Mercy. We will spend the morning with the Good Samaritan, and we will have an opportunity to do a deed of mercy.

The Morning

7.00 – 8.30 - family breakfast

8.30 – 9.15 – Lauds with meditation: "Life is a way from Jerusalem to Jericho" – prayers in parishes.

9:30 - 10.30 – catechesis in language groups: "You do possess a soul so be *merciful as your Father is merciful*"

After the catechetical lecture everyone will be equipped with THE GOOD SAMARITAN KIT and will be blessed to go and do merciful deeds.

11.00 - The Deed of Mercy

It is time for mercy in practice. Let's divide into groups and go to serve where merciful love is needed more than in any other place. You can make and take some small gift for the following groups:

- Hospital patients
- Therapy workshops
- home-hospitalized patients
- The disabled

Those eager to help can join the following works:

- Renovating road-side crosses
- Social work
- Help in harvesting
- Help on farms

At about **12.30** we leave for the town of Miedzyrzec Podlaski

14.00 – we are meeting at the so called ‘Miedzyrzeckie jeziora’ – (the Ponds of Miedzyrzec) – dinner at particular Parishes where in the form of physical exercises in your free time the youths will get some fitness routine. The suggested forms of exercise are volleyball, canoeing, or sailing in the I and II sectors of pit-pond, yacht-sailing, biking, Nordic walking around the pond paths, fitness and funny slope-skiing.

In order to organize fitness practice as well as Polonez-dance learning, etc., a stage and loudspeakers are necessary. As for the specificity of water sports and the necessity of assuring safety by the water, emergency services, such as medical ones and life guards, are needed.

Also, during your stay by water basins dinner will be served.

After dinner you are invited to take part in the following events:

- International football match
- International tandem racing
- International *geocaching of mercy* – a terrain game involving a time-trial looking for the secret hiding place of the Secret of St Faustine (with the use of GPS)
- the competition on the knowledge on Jericho
- International Competition for the best performance of the WYD anthem and the anthem of Jericho

After such an intensive day it is time to calm down. So we will follow 'the Mercy Route'. The particular stops are these moments from the Salvation History when God most showed His Mercy. Each stop will be of a kind of theatre drama. During this service you will have an opportunity for the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

Return to the town of Losice is about 23.00

DAY IV

23.07.2016

'Tearing down the walls'

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility" Ef. 2,13-14

The Morning

7.00 – 9.00 - family breakfast

9.00 – 9.45 – the parish prayer with a part of the Eastern Akathist to celebrate the blessed Uniates of Pratulin.

The Workshops on the subject of Jericho Culture or the Tourist Routes of Jericho

The Jericho Workshops

Every place inhabited by our guests offers a variety of workshops that will allow everybody to get to know with our culture, art, tradition and spirituality in a clear way.

These are some of them:

The kinds of workshops:

· **'The Workshops of Icon Writing'** – the eastern spirituality has been present on our earth for ages. The Eastern and Western traditions blend in this region of Poland, making it original and vivid. We

will show how to write icons. Supervised by an artist you will create your own works being a reminder of a meeting in the place where the Brest Union was once established.

· ‘**The Workshops of Regional Dances**’ – supervised by our instructors you will learn the steps of our regional dances. You will be dancing in traditional folk clothes, which can sometimes weigh several kilograms.

· ‘**The Workshops of Orthodox Catholic Embroidery**’ – the Eastern culture is not only beautiful icons but also the ‘needle-painted’ images. We will show you how to make the traditional Orthodox Catholic embroidery, used mainly at liturgies.

· ‘**The Pottery Workshops**’ – using a real pottery wheel you will make the crockery which was used by our ancestors for centuries. Next, the works will be traditionally pattern-ornamented, and finally, when returning home you will drink coffee in those cups, thinking about Jericho.

· ‘**The Culinary Workshops**’ – the classes for all those that like new culinary tastes. You will learn how to cook our traditional dishes, including the so called *blacharz*, *żurek*, *kartacze*, *parowańce*, and especially the famous Polish *pierogi* (dumplings). At the end of the training we will hold a competition for the fastest dumpling (*pierogi*) maker.

· ‘**The Workshops of Making a Tree Cake**’ – at these classes you will learn how to make a roasted cake out of 100 eggs. The chef masters will reveal the secrets of making this tree-like cake.

Dinner – By the Transborder Centre.

Afternoon

At about 13.00 – a trip to Kodon for the Jericho of the Young via Lesna Podlaska, Janow Podlaski, Pratulin, Kostomloty.

This day is a day of pulling down the walls, which actually means building unity. For the afternoon we have three options to choose from:

1. The tourist route of Jericho – constantly valid

· **The Route of the Blessed Martyrs of Pratulin** – this is a route for history lovers; we will visit our St Mary Sanctuaries, the former Bishopric of Janow Podlaski, at the same time being the most famous stud farm in Europe. We will travel through a National Park and will visit Pratulin and Kostomloty – places strictly connected with the Uniates.

2. In Kostomloty – ‘The Unity Watchtower’: this word means in Polish the residence of the border guards. Kostomloty lies on the very border of the European Union, being the point where the East and the West literally meet. Moreover, Kostomloty is the only Neo-Uniate parish in the world. On Saturday there will be a meeting of the young Catholics of different rituals: Byzantine – Slavic, Ukrainian-Byzantine, Maronite, Roman-Catholic. We will pray in the intention of the unity of Christians, the peace in the world as well as in the intention of the harassed Christians. Furthermore, an international discussion panel and traditional liturgy concert of different traditions will be held.

3. In the evening we will gather in the Sanctuary of St Mary the Mother of Unity in Koden, where you will see the stolen by a Polish nobleman Sapieha painting of St Mary (those deciding on that trip will have their destination point here in Koden).

The evening

“When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed”, Joshua 6,20

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them” Acts. 6,20

18.00 – the second central event, the so called **Jericho WYD 2016**, will start, where in the beautiful surroundings of the Koden Castle Park, an open performance of pulling down the walls will be performed. We trust that this evening will become a great spiritual experience. We will pray singing and will praise God and share our belief. We will hear the testimonies of those who are living behind the variety of walls: political systems, discrimination, prison walls, addiction, disability exclusion, skin color, etc. Among us we will have Christians from the Middle East who, we hope, will strengthen our belief with their, often heroic, testimony of their Christian lives. The culmination moment of the meeting will be the adoration of Christ in the Sacred Sacrament. We will again discover that all the walls that grow among us and in us can be torn down by Christ and by His one Word only and that it is in Christ that we have the source of our liberation. For Christ there is no lost situation or a lost person. As the first Christians we will praise the Lord with one heart and in many languages for the gift of the living Church that He will allow us to experience. And it is this church that is the opposite to the Tower of Babel.

Also, on that evening we will have the opportunity to bring back the unity with God in the Sacrament of Penance. Confession will be possible in many languages. At the end we will make a symbolic unity sign by our common sound of warrior exclamation, the content of which will remain a mystery until the very evening. Adding to that, we will bestow our brother or sister with ourselves-made gift.

Return – late evening hours.

DAY V

24.07.2016

Sunday – at typical Jericho-livers, that is a Day with a Family

Morning

7.00 – 9.00 – a family breakfast

10.15 – 10.30 - Lauds in the parish, our common Eucharist

A family dinner, “A Day with a Family”

All the guests are invited for the celebration event of the Town of Losice –the so called ‘Dni Losic’ (the Losice Days), organized by the Mayor. During this event local music and dance performances will be presented, and finally there will be a concert entitled ‘the Evening Star’.

DAY VI

25.07.2016

‘Destination – Cracow’

A departure to Cracow for the Main Event

The estimated number of foreign guests - maximum 150 people.

The estimated number of our youths – about 150 people.

Two dinners to be prepared, please, provide the youths in snacks twice: Siedlce and Koden

The central meeting point of the youths in language groups – Transborder Centre and the two parishes: of Saint Sigmund as well as the Saint Trinity.

The headquarters of the World Youth Days in Losice - the Transborder Centre. Some teens will be on duty all day.

WiFi – the Culture Centre of Losice as well as the Transborder Centre

Sponsors wanted. ☺