

A Student View on World Youth Day in Madrid

During our journey and stay in Madrid we had many religious encounters. Our most favorite encounter was when we waited 4 hours for the Pope's arrival. The waiting was filled with chances to connect with so many people and be part of a global faith experience. When Pope Benedict drove right in front of us we were totally enthusiastic!

We enjoyed our catechesis. Performers woke us up before the speakers and we had fun dancing to the songs. The speakers were very wise and helped us gain a better knowledge of our religion. They also helped us find different ways to get closer to God. On our free day we decided to go to one of the chapels and participate in the adoration of the Eucharist. We also went to a listening activity titled "Me to You" that most of us enjoyed and got emotional.

The Vigil was a different experience as during the Pope's speech a storm arrived and we had to wait for the Pope to continue. The storm was a frightful experience but overall the vigil was one of the highlights for us. We loved the World Youth Day experience therefore we are planning on traveling to Brazil for WYD 2013!

Gabriella R. and Patrycja P.