



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
PHILADELPHIA, PA
JULY 9-13, 2014

AND
3 DAYS OF URBAN MISSION
JULY 13-16, 2014

ABOUT PHILADELPHIA

Areas covered: climate, what to bring (and what not to bring), parking, contact information, arrival and departure times

What is the weather like in July in Philadelphia?

Summers are mainly hot and humid. In July, the average high is 87 degrees; the low is 69 degrees. However, indoor facilities are air-conditioned, so prepare for indoor temperatures of around 65 degrees.

Do I need spending money?

All meals, the event T-shirt, and program materials are included in your registration. The campus offers a coffee shop and bookstore if you'd like to purchase items. We are also planning for an Episcopal resource bookstore.

Is there transportation from the airport and train station to Villanova?

Yes, there will be shuttle service from Philadelphia International Airport and Amtrak station on arrival and departure days – July 9 and July 13 and July 16 following 3 Days of Urban Mission. These transportation costs are covered in your EYE'14 registration fee. Arrivals on other days will need to be arranged on an individual basis if necessary by contacting Valerie Harris at (212) 716-6099.

What is appropriate clothing for EYE'14?

You should bring comfortable and appropriate clothing, such as jeans, shorts, T-shirts, and walking shoes. Please refrain from wearing provocative clothing (revealing shirts/pants/skirts, vulgar imprints, tobacco or alcohol advertisements, etc.).

Can my friends/relatives come and visit me?

EYE'14 is a closed event. Only invited guests and registered participants are allowed on campus during the event.

What's the procedure if parents need to reach their children?

The EYE'14 office number, (646) 242-1421, will also be monitored 24 hours a day. In case of emergency, parents may call the Villanova Department of Public Safety (610) 519-4444. This number is monitored 24 hours a day.

Is there a lot of walking?

Villanova is a 254 acre campus just 12 miles from Philadelphia. There are walking and running trails on the campus. It takes approximately 10 minutes to reach the most distant areas of the campus that we will be using. The campus is completely wheelchair-accessible.

Can I drive my car on campus?

No. For those traveling to EYE'14 in diocesan vehicles or rented vehicles there will be ample parking available on campus. Information about where to park these vehicles or chartered buses will be available at registration.

I know I can't bring a weapon but is a Swiss Army knife a weapon?

Yes. A Swiss Army knife is a weapon and is not allowed on campus. Please do not bring any sharp instruments to the event.

Can I drink alcohol?

No. Alcohol use is not permitted during EYE'14.

Can I smoke or chew tobacco?

No. Use of tobacco products is not permitted during EYE'14.

Are cell phones allowed at EYE'14?

Yes. It is expected that participants will use cell phones to communicate as needed with parents and diocesan officials. Diocesan leaders will be using cell phones as a means of communication with youth participants during the event. However, these are to be silenced during program times and should not be used so that they become a distraction to others and remove the user from being present in the community.

Should I bring electronic equipment (Game Boys, iPods, laptops) or valuables?

You are permitted to bring these items, but EYE'14 and Villanova University are not responsible for anything stolen, lost, or misplaced. All electronic equipment must be silenced during EYE'14 programs.

May I leave early?

Participants are expected to remain on campus for the duration of EYE'14. (Wednesday, July 9 through Sunday, July 13).

RESIDENCE LIFE

Areas covered: dorm living, recreation, food options, medical information

Where's the bathroom?

Most of the residence halls we are using will have two sleeping rooms connected by a bathroom. Some of the residence halls have bathroom facilities for each floor.

Are the floors single gender?

Each dormitory floor is assigned a single gender.

Do I have to share a room?

Yes. We would like to include as many people as possible so sharing rooms is essential.

Who will my roommate be?

Whenever possible, your roommate will be someone from your diocese or province.

Do I have to be in my dorm room at night?

Yes. All participants are required to be quiet and in their own rooms by 11:00 p.m. (11:30 p.m. on the last night) and to remain there at least until 6:30 a.m.

Are linens provided?

A pillow, blanket, and sheets, and a washcloth and bath towel will be provided by housing services. Please note that towels are smaller than what most people have at home, so you may wish to bring another.

Do I need to bring an alarm clock?

Yes. Alarm clocks are not provided but they are extremely necessary. You can also choose to use your phone as an alarm clock.

Are the dorms air-conditioned?

All of the dorms, classroom spaces and large group indoor gathering areas are air-conditioned. For some, air conditioning can feel too cold. Participants are encouraged to bring a light sweater or jacket to use when indoors.

Will my dietary needs be met?

Yes. EYE'14 and the Food Services Department will do their best to accommodate special dietary needs. However, we will need to know of your specific dietary needs in advance of your arrival.

Will everyone eat at the same time?

No. Our group is too large to feed everyone at the same time. Participants will be assigned a dining time for each meal throughout the event. All members of a diocese will be assigned the same dining time.

Are meals mandatory?

EYE'14 and the Foods Services Department will provide healthy, balanced meals each day. Participants will have a wide variety of choices at mealtimes. While meals are not mandatory, participants are encouraged to eat meals regularly in order to remain active and involved in EYE'14 activities.

Is there a food court or canteen?

There is a coffee shop and vending machines where participants may purchase food and snacks. Other campus souvenirs are available for purchase in the bookstore.

Is there a place to work out?

No. Villanova University athletic facilities will only be available to EYE'14 participants for large group activities as arranged by the Mission Planning Team. The outdoor track may be available for running. There are outdoor walking trails and a disc golf course available during free time.

Can I get up early and run?

Participants may run during designated free time by arrangement with your diocesan sponsor using outdoor trails or athletic facilities as arranged.

Will there be Internet access?

Yes. Wireless Internet is available in some public areas.

Where do I go for medical treatment? Is there a nurse or doctor?

There will be a nurse's station staffed 24 hours a day. For extreme health issues, a hospital is located near the campus.

ADULT SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Areas covered: Adult Sponsors' Roles

Do I have to check in my youth at night?

Before going to sleep for the night, adult sponsors need to check that their youth are in their respective rooms and report such to the Pastoral Care Team in the dorm.

Do I have to get my youth up in the morning and make sure they are at morning program?

Yes. It is your responsibility to ensure that the young people you bring participate fully in EYE'14. The event is built around programming and workshops, and youth come to EYE'14 for this, not to sleep in.

Where are my young people staying?

Whenever possible, youth will be on the same wing/floor as the adult sponsor (same gender) accompanying them.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

Areas covered: Schedule, planned activities, participation

Will we have free time?

Yes, there is some free time scheduled every day with lots of fun things to do as well as ample space for quiet reflection. Because our dining schedule will be in three blocks, everyone will have some free time around each meal.

Do I need give-aways?

Trading give-aways has been a part of EYE tradition. The Mission Planning Team will make sure to notify each diocese of any give-away plan if an easy and affordable one is developed that can be easily achieved by ALL participants.

Will I need money for offerings at our worship services?

Yes, if you wish to contribute. At each of our community-wide liturgies an offering will be taken that reflects our program and focus for the day. Please consider putting aside an amount of what God has given you through work or allowances to give to these purposes. Prior to EYE'14, you may consider raising funds through your congregation or diocese to bring as part of your EYE'14 offering.

Will the Presiding Bishop be there?

Yes, The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori plans to be present at EYE'14 as does the Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies.

SUPPORT

Areas covered: Personal acclimation, spiritual/emotional help

Will there be other groups on campus?

Most likely, yes. However, the campus is guarded and gated and will be closed each evening.

If an issue comes up in my group, who can I go to?

If an issue arises approach the adult sponsors from your diocese, a member of the Pastoral Care Team, or an EYE'14 chaplain or staff member.

Will I be separated from the people in my diocese?

Potentially yes, but that is not required. Meals, workshops and free time are at the discretion of each participant as agreed upon with adult sponsors. Participants are encouraged to share in the rich cultural and geographic diversity available to them during EYE'14.

3 DAYS OF URBAN MISSION

Areas covered: Location, housing

How will we travel from Villanova to 3 Days of Urban Mission?

Bus transportation will be arranged to facilitate the move on Sunday, July 13.

What will we do on Sunday, July 13?

Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, relocation, and a bit of fun. Buses will provide transportation to the 3 Days of Urban Mission dorms in early afternoon. The Mission Planning Team is working to plan a fun outing for that afternoon. Your diocese or province can also decide to find an independent activity for the afternoon. We will convene for evening educational activities. Please note that breakfast will be provided at Villanova on Sunday but lunch and dinner will be on your own.

Will the community life rules from EYE'14 continue into 3 Days of Urban Mission?

Yes. You will be expected to behave and dress in the same fashion as EYE'14.

Where will we stay for 3 Days of Urban Mission?

We are currently negotiating a contact with an inner-city Philadelphia university campus.

Will meals be provided?

A healthy quick breakfast will be provided by St. Mary's Church. Bag lunches will be delivered to each job site. Dinner will be on campus.

Will we know our work site in advance?

A list of possible sites will be published prior to the event. However, to ensure we are providing the most needed services, we will not lock into specific jobs until just days before 3 Days of Urban Mission.

Do we need to bring any supplies?

Everything you need to complete your mission tasks will be provided. You may consider bringing a small gift for your service site hosts as well as a cash donation to the service site to offset the costs incurred in your work.

Will there be programming during 3 Days of Urban Mission?

As the diocesan or provincial leader, you are expected to work with your team of adults to create evening programming for your group.

Will there be evening worship?

An evening prayer service will be offered each night of 3 Days of Urban Mission and we anticipate offering a Eucharist sometime during the event.

Will there be transportation to the airport/train station for departure?

Yes, bus transportation will be provided to both venues on Wednesday, July 16.