



# WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

## 2015 Philadelphia

### Win a Partial Scholarship

The World Meeting of Families is taking place in Philadelphia from September 21 to 28. This is a triennial event sponsored by the Vatican. It is being held in the United States for the first time ever. Pope Francis will be in attendance for part of the event, and will celebrate the closing Mass. There are nationally renowned speakers for adults and older teens,

age-appropriate activities for young people from 6 to 16, and certified, trained child care for those younger than 6.

To encourage participation in the diocesan pilgrimage to Philadelphia, the Diocese of Toledo is offering partial scholarships to cover  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the cost for a family ( $\frac{1}{3}$  to be borne by the Diocese,  $\frac{1}{3}$  by the Deanery, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  by the family.) This will be applied to the total estimated cost of \$1500 per person. The cost includes motor coach to and from Philadelphia, hotel, registration for the meeting, travel to Papal events, and visits to shrines and places of interest in Philadelphia. Meals are not included. One scholarship winner will be selected per deanery. Final determination of awardees will be made on March 13.

Families of any size are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Family members can include husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, grandparents, stepparents, single parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and children of any age. At least one member of the family must be Catholic. The pastor must affirm that the applicants are in good standing with the Church. The pastor should also attest to the family's Christian living in the home, community and parish. Families applying for the scholarship must be willing to attend the entire World Meeting of Families from September 21 to 28. Applicant families must live in the boundaries of the Diocese of Toledo.

Upon returning, families who received the scholarship must be willing to offer at least one presentation at a deanery gathering, sharing their experience of attending the WMOF pilgrimage.



**Applications will be due at the Marriage and Family Life Office of the Diocese on February 27.**

Interested persons should request an application form from the Parish Office as soon as possible, and then return it so that the pastor can complete his portion of the form and submit it to the Diocese by the deadline. Some families may wish to submit a video as part of their application. Guidelines for the video are available.

For more details, see

[www.toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family](http://www.toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family), and [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org).