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The Scout Week in Taizé is a joint initiative of the ICCS and the Community of Taizé and took place for the first time in the year 2009. Since then Scouts from all European countries and the Mediterranean Region regularly find their way to Taizé for this event. There they participate in the Taizé youth meetings and discover together their spiritual roots.

Over 100,000 young people from around the world make this pilgrimage annually.

## Scout Week in Taizé, 17th to 24th July 2011

This year's Scout Week in Taizé will be held from **17th to 24th July 2011** in Taizé, France and targets rovers and young leaders aged between the **ages of 17 to 30**.



The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is comprised of a little over 100 brothers who come from a wide range of Christian traditions.

*It was a wonderful experience for me as a person, as a Christian and as a scout. It was like a trip where I could grow and learn with so many people, many cultures and with time and silence to know me better.” Ema from Portugal (participant 2010)*

The Scout Week in Taize has been designed to help young scout leaders to view their daily life in the light of the Gospel: praying together three times a day: reflecting on the wellsprings of the faith, exploring the Promise, the Law, and the Principles of Scouting. Participants will participate in common activities such as hiking; playing games and singing as-well-as learning to understand the diverse traditions of the other Scout participants.



For further information visit [www.iccs-em.org](http://www.iccs-em.org)  
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## World Youth Day 2011 – Madrid

**16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

World Youth Day (WYD) is the largest youth event in the World, and it is organized by the Catholic Church for the catholic youth. It is a gathering called by Pope Benedict XVI and with Jesus Christ in the spotlight.



This year the World Youth Day event will take place in Madrid, **from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August**. The Catholic Scout association of Spain (MSC) are coordinating the hosting of all Catholic Scouts wishing to attend this major event.

MSC are working in close partnership with the local organizing committee of WYD, and they are working hard to provide young people with the opportunity to live this life changing experience as Scouts, in an international urban Scout camp in Madrid. They are also offering the opportunity to be hosted by MSC Scouts in different dioceses of Spain in the days before WYD in Madrid.

MSC need many Scout volunteers [IST] to lend a hand in all the tasks that have been entrusted to them by the Church, both in the Scout Camp and the event in general. The Church has asked for help in spreading the word as widely as possible among Catholics in Scouting, through the World who may be willing to answer this call.



You will find the promotional brochure in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish in the following link: <http://cort.as/0a7R>. A German version is currently being produced.



Registration is open at [http://Scoutswyd.es/index\\_en.html](http://Scoutswyd.es/index_en.html)

For further information please contact: Elías Py at: [elias.py@scouts.es](mailto:elias.py@scouts.es)

The following video links are well worth a visit:  
*The Soul of Madrid:*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYcTFFiaMj8>

*26 Years of World Youth Days:*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxOTpuQe6M4>

## World Scout Jamboree

**27<sup>th</sup> of July to the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2011**

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will take place from 27<sup>th</sup> of July to the 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2011 in Kristianstad, Sweden with around 40,000 Scouts expected to attend from around the world.



### ICCS faith and belief area:

In the ICCS faith and belief area we will create a place that is filled with peace and tranquillity. We aim to provide an atmosphere, where simple needs are fulfilled and people can spend time perusing purposeful activities.

The key feature of ICCS faith and belief area is the monastic environment in which a place of learning has been created forming part of the faith and belief zone at the World Scout Jamboree 2011.

The focal point of the monastic community is the ICCS Abbey Church and its surrounding workshops, in which all participant and visitors can take refuge from the chaos of the outside world and discover an inner peace.

## ICCS Areas of involvement

The following is a profile of the six [6] areas of involvement by the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) at the World Scout Jamboree and they are:

1. ICCS programme area - faith and belief zone
2. Liturgical activities – vigil Masses
3. The Spirit of Taizé
4. The ICCS stand at the World Scout Centre
5. The Sanctuary - for Leaders and visitors
6. Day Visitors Activities

### The ICCS programme of activities:

Our programme will consist of a total of 8 workshop activities that will address the needs of Scouts who:

- Are seeking to deepen a fundamentally religious response through their Scouting;
- Already have a religious interest; or who
- Do not have access to or are part of a religious tradition.

The 8 workshops are:

1. Christianity in Scandinavia;
2. Paschal Triduum workshop;
3. Stained Glass Window workshop;
4. Madaba Mosaic workshop;
5. The Scriptorium workshop;
6. Bookbinding workshop;
7. Taizé workshop for youth participants;
8. Taizé workshop for Leaders and IST staff

### Mass at the Jamboree:

It is our aim to assist all those present at the Jamboree in fulfilling their religious obligations. Based on our experiences at previous World Jamborees and their level of attendance, we estimate that approximately ten thousand [10k] Catholics will wish to attend Mass.

On Saturday 30th July, following the inter-faith activity, we will have a vigil Mass in the Main Arena; this Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Anders Arborelius ocd of Stockholm. A second vigil Mass will be held on the closing day, Saturday 6th August.

Finally daily Mass will be said in the ICCS Abbey Church - in the faith and belief zone all are welcome

## Brotherhood of St George

### The National Catholic Scout Mass 2011

**A**t the September meeting of the ICCS steering committee Fr. John Seddon [former Chaplain to our EM Region] admitted to the Brotherhood of St George – this is the ICCS's highest honour.



Fr. John was presented with the brotherhood medal on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of February, at the National Catholic Scout Mass held in St George's Cathedral Southwark. UK. Groups from all over England were in attendance

[http://www.catholicsinscouting.org.uk/News/Pages/Scout\\_Mass.html](http://www.catholicsinscouting.org.uk/News/Pages/Scout_Mass.html)

### Fr. Victor 'Gone Home':

It was with a great sense of loss, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January last, we receive the news that the Fr. Victor Adjamagbo of Lomé, Togo, Chaplain to the African Region, had gone home to his Father in Heaven.

Fr. Victor died following a long illness. He will be sadly missed by all of us who were privileged to know and work with him. He was a good person of very fine intellect and our world is a sadder place without him.

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2011, after requiem Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Lomé, in the Cathedral Father Victor was laid to rest in Lomé's principal cemetery.

May perpetual light shine upon him and may his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

### Highlights of our EM Programme for 2011

<b>Scout Week Taizé</b>	<b>17 - 24 July 2011</b>
<b>Faith and Belief WSJ</b>	<b>27 July - 7 August 2011</b>
<b>World Youth Day</b>	<b>16 - 21 August 2011</b>
<b>Pastoral Seminar</b>	<b>6 - 9 October 2011</b>
<b>Annual Council Meeting</b>	<b>1 - 4 December 2011</b>
<b>ICCS-World Conference</b>	<b>1 - 4 December 2011</b>
<b>Living Stones Camp</b>	<b>April 2012</b>

On behalf of our EM Regional committee I wish you a safe and eventful Summer.

God bless,  
Gerry Glynn  
Secretary / Chairman – ICCS EM Region