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School initiatives

Next week, our annual Education section will focus on a variety of new programs — from the diocesan Wee Program to efforts at obtaining obtain tuition tax credits for Catholic-school students.

World Youth Day event schedule for August 11-15

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DENVER — Following is a full schedule of World Youth Day '93 events including the youths' events with Pope John Paul II. Times listed are local, with Eastern Daylight Time in parentheses.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

- 12 p.m. (2 p.m.), Programming begins at Civic Center Park
- 8 p.m. (10 p.m.), Opening Mass at Civic Center Park, with Archbishop J. Francis Stafford of Denver as main celebrant.
- 11:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m.), Moment of prayer.

Thursday, Aug. 12

- Early a.m., breakfast at housing sites
- 8 a.m. (10 a.m.), Possibility for confession.
- 8:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m.), Moment of prayer at Civic Center Park lodgings.
- 10 a.m. (noon), Catechesis in language groups at various sites.
- Noon (2 p.m.), Mass at catechetical sites.
- 1 p.m. (3 p.m.), Lunch service begins.
- 2 p.m. (4 p.m.), Community service projects, including food drive. Habitat for Humanity, clean up in Denver parks, visits to nursing homes and other institutions.
- 2:30 p.m. (4:30 p.m.), Welcoming ceremony for pope at Stapleton International Airport in Denver. Talk by pope.
- 3-5 p.m. (5-7 p.m.), Youth meetings with bishops.
- 3:45 p.m. (5:45 p.m.), Pope's courtesy visit with President Clinton at Regis University in Denver.
- 5 p.m. (7 p.m.), Dinner service begins.
- 5:30 p.m. (7:35 p.m.), Welcoming ceremony for pope by youths in Mile High Stadium. Talk by pope.
- 7 p.m. (9 p.m.), Cultural events.
- 11:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m.), Moment of prayer.

Friday, Aug. 13

- Early a.m., breakfast at housing sites.
- 7:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m.), Concelebration of Mass with U.S. bishops at Denver cathedral. Greeting by pope.
- 8 a.m. (10 a.m.), Possibility for confession.
- 8:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m.), Moment of prayer.
- 10 a.m. (noon), Catechesis.
- Noon (2 p.m.), Mass at catechetical sites.
- 2 p.m. (4 p.m.), Community service projects.
- 3-5 p.m. (5-7 p.m.), Thematic events, cultural events, music festival.
- 3-5 p.m. (5-7 p.m.), Youth meetings with bishops.
- 5 p.m. (7 p.m.), Dinner service begins.
- 8 p.m. (10 p.m.), Way of the Cross, Colfax Avenue and Civic Center Park.

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Denver agenda set for union of pope, world's youth

DENVER, COLO. — Religious instruction, praying the Way of the Cross on downtown streets, a 14-mile walk and a series of gatherings with Pope John Paul II are on the agenda for the celebration of World Youth Day in Denver.

When the event begins with an 8 p.m. Mass Wednesday, Aug. 11, the pope is scheduled to be in Mexico. He will arrive in Denver the next afternoon.

Highlighting the pope's visit will be a meeting with U.S. President Bill Clinton on Aug. 12, a prayer vigil the evening of Aug. 14 at Cherry Creek State Park, and a closing Mass at the park the morning of Aug. 15, the Feast of the Assumption.

Many of those attending the prayer vigil and Mass will journey to Cherry Creek Park by making a 14-mile pilgrimage from downtown Denver. The pope's concluding Mass is expected to draw as many as 500,000 people — mostly youths — from around the world.

The pontiff's meeting with President Clinton will mark the first meeting of these two leaders. It is scheduled to take place at Regis University in Denver.

Pope John Paul II's Aug. 9-16 tour also includes scheduled visits to Jamaica and the Mexican Yucatan prior to his arrival in Denver. This will mark the pope's 60th trip outside Italy in his 15 years as pontiff. He will

depart from Denver Aug. 15 and arrive back in Rome Aug. 16.

In addition to events conducted by the pope, several other activities have been planned in Denver for the youths of the world.

Preceding World Youth Day will be the International Youth Forum from Aug. 7-11 at Regis University. This conference will bring together 400 youth delegates, bishops and cardinals from around the world to discuss ecumenism, education, ecology, emigration and the environment. The group's findings will then be presented to the pope during his Denver stay.

From Aug. 12-14, World Youth Day participants, grouped according to language, will attend morning catechetical sessions led by bishops. The sessions will relate to the event's overall theme: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Friday evening, Aug. 13, will have a penitential flavor. Cardinal Eduardo F. Pironio, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, is scheduled to lead the Way of the Cross downtown. The young people will be encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation that evening.

In addition, participants and youths

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