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The Editor,

I am sending the below information for your perusal and publication. I would like to thank you in advance for your service and for any exposure that you may give us to continue helping Maltese Youth we work with.

Archbishop invites young people for WYD

Archbishop Pawlu Cremona has invited young Maltese to join him in his visit to Australia in July 2008. This visit will serve two purposes. The Archbishop has already made public his intentions of visiting Maltese immigrants living in Australia. Also during July 2008, Sydney will be hosting the XXIII World Youth Day (WYD), and thus this is a great opportunity for Maltese youth to participate in this great event together with youth from all around the globe together with the Pope. The Archbishop is asking Maltese young people to accompany him during this visit and during the WYD celebrations.

The coordination of this visit is being handled by the Diocesan Youth Commission (KDŽ) and Emigrant's Commission. KDŽ has already started made arrangements with APS Bank and Emirates Airlines to make this journey and opportunity feasible for as many youths as possible. Contacts have been made with the Maltese and Gozitan communities in Melbourne and Sydney as, although WYD celebrations will be held mainly in Sydney (15-21st July), the visit to Australia will be extended to allow time for pilgrims to visit both places. These pilgrims will be hosted by Maltese families living in Australia and a programme of activities is being coordinated at both places.

WYD is actually a pilgrimage of young people and a festival of encounter and solidarity. The Pope's invitation is directed to young people from all over the world to join him in a specified city for this celebration of faith. Following WYD in 2005, in Cologne Germany, where some 600 Maltese youths were

present amongst the hundreds of thousands of others, KDŽ is seeking to encourage youth to take up this opportunity and travel to Australia in 2008.

The preparation journey for this pastoral visit and World Youth Day will kick-off the coming weekend, during this year's World Youth Day celebrations.

Further information or to subscribe in the monthly WYD e-newsletter please visit KDŽ's website www.kdz.org.mt.

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