

Pilgrims from Perth

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"The candle is burning down! We will be going to Sydney soon," says Amanda excitedly. "I can't wait!" This is the overall feeling of all in the group, one of excitement and a little apprehension.

To assist the Personal Advocacy Service pilgrims to watch the passage of time, our WYD candle has a red ribbon line and when the flame is near the ribbon; that is when we will be off to Sydney on the plane. A pilgrim takes the responsibility of lighting the candle in a simple ritual each time we are together.

The group has been meeting regularly, some meetings social and others spiritual preparation, but always ending in a supper together. The best part for sure.

We have talked about *It is good to share our lives with others* and *Wanting to serve others* when we remembered stories of helping someone to do something, just like the Holy Spirit helps us.



Soon our red jackets and t-shirts will be ready and then we will really look a group preparing to go somewhere.

We have made contact with a parish close to where we are staying and hopefully, we will attend Mass there on the Sunday before the week commences. We arrive at our accommodation (Camp Wanawong) on Saturday the 12th so we have time to find our bearings and explore our bush surrounds.

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YES!

