

Thoughts from WYD'08'ers!

Taking part in such a large event such as World Youth Day was so special and, against the spectacular backdrop of Sydney, made it even more memorable. The experience of participating in different events such as Catechesis, the Stations of the Cross and the final mass at Randwick Racecourse with thousands of young people, just like you, coming together from all corners of the earth to share faith and culture, was overwhelming. It was such a fantastic experience; all I can say now is roll on Madrid 2011!!!!

Nadine Henderson

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