**The World Meeting of Families 2018 needs you!**

Pope Francis is coming to Ireland in August for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Pope Francis personally chose Ireland as the host of the 9th World Meeting of Families which is taking place from 21 – 26 August. With just under three months to go, the WMOF2018 needs your help!

**Register now to attend the WMOF2018 events**

There are 29,000 registered for the **Pastoral Congress**, which is taking place in the RDS from 22 – 24 August. Within this number there are 10,000 international bookings and 5,000 young people under the age of 18. Tickets are available for one day or all three days in the RDS.

We have closed off one day registration on the Friday due to the large number of registrations for that day. Those interested in attending the Pastoral Congress are invited to book now as the event is likely to be sold out in advance of August.

The tickets for the **Festival of Families** in Croke Park on Saturday 25 August, and for the **Closing Mass** in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26August, will be available once we have finished our consultations with the statutory authorities. When they are available, they will be free.

**Volunteer for WMOF2018**

We have more than 5,500 volunteers already signed up, but we need almost 10,000 volunteers to help us deliver this event. There are roles for every age and ability. Sign up now on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Get-Involved/Volunteer)

**Host A Family**

We need families and individuals with spare rooms to act as host families. We have had 1800 requests from people who would like to be hosted in a home from home experience. Without this type of accommodation we will have many pilgrims who will be unable to be part of WMOF2018. If you can offer a place to an individual pilgrim, a couple or a family please get in touch with the hosting team on our website.

**Pray for Pope Francis and the WMOF2018**

We invite you to pray for Pope Francis and his intentions as he prepares to come to Ireland for the WMOF2018 in August. We also ask for your prayers for those involved in organising the WMOF2018 and for all families. Download the official WMOF2018 prayer or join in our PRAY-A-THON.

**Support the Fourth National Collection for WMOF2018**

The Fourth National Collection for the WMOF2018 will be taking place in parishes across Ireland on the weekend of 16 and 17 June. We would welcome your support for this collection.

For more details, visit [www.WorldMeeting2018.ie](http://www.WorldMeeting2018.ie)