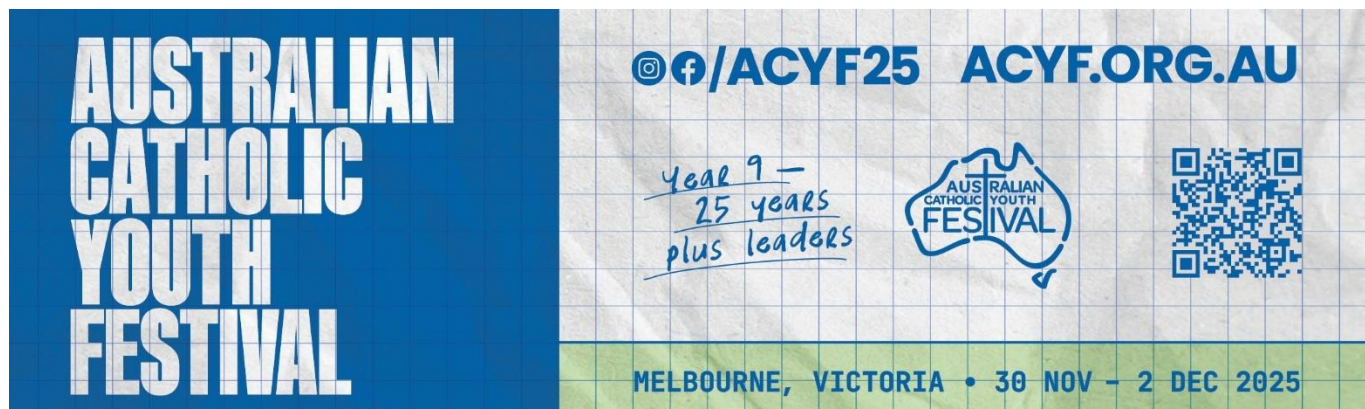
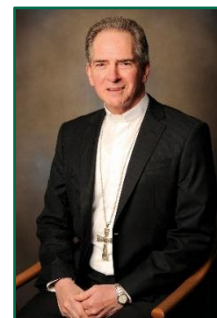




A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PAUL

I'm looking forward to attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival to be held in Melbourne from November 30 to December 2. The first such festival was held in Melbourne in 2013. Since then, there have been festivals in Adelaide, Sydney and Perth. This year the festival will be returning to Melbourne.



I have attended all these festivals and I have found them inspiring. They draw together thousands of young people from all around the nation. There is uplifting music and much singing together and sharing of meals and hearing encouraging messages of faith in Jesus and spending time in prayer.

I have been pleased that our own diocese of Ballarat has been well represented at each of the festivals, with groups of young people from various parts of our diocese taking part. The Australian Catholic Youth Festivals have been wonderful combinations of fun and faith.

I encourage the young people of our diocese to attend and I look forward to sharing these days with you and those from all around Australia.

God bless you all.

+ Paul Bird

Bishop Paul



Expressions of interest to attend are now open.
Contact your school, local parish or the
Pastoral Ministry Office, email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Festival Program and more information is available at
www.acyf.org.au