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MEDIA RELEASE

1,500 YOUTH PREPARE FOR 21KM GOOD FRIDAY OVERNIGHT WALK

About 1,500 youth from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are set for an overnight 21 kilometre walk from Blacktown to Parramatta on Good Friday.

The walkers will set off from St Patrick's Church Blacktown at 10pm on Friday 25 March and will arrive at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta by 6.30am on Saturday 26 March.

They will make regular stops for prayer and reflection at Catholic churches in Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville and Merrylands.

Now in its eighth year, the walk has been organised by the Diocese of Parramatta and is held to mark Good Friday.

James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth, Diocese of Parramatta, is helping organise the walk and says the pilgrimage is set to be bigger than previous years.

"This event is just huge. Last year we had well over 1,000 youth who walked in pouring rain. This year we expect it to be even bigger," Mr Camden said.

For more information, to register or to join these pilgrims visit www.parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk

For a video of a previous walk visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkcYemQInJw

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About the Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocese of Parramatta is the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

It spans one of the fastest-growing areas of Australia, incorporating the greater Western Sydney area from Parramatta to Blackheath and from Richmond to Warragamba. It is home to 330,000 Catholics in an area of 1,050,000 people.

The Diocese hosts 47 parishes and churches, educates more than 45,000 students across its 83 schools, employs more than 5,000 staff and cares for thousands of people in need through its social services arm, CatholicCare Social Services.

The Diocese of Parramatta is the fifth-largest Catholic Diocese in Australia.

