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Venue secured for 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to announce the securing of top-tier event venue – the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre (MCEC) for the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Located within Melbourne’s vibrant city centre, MCEC is conveniently situated along the banks of the Yarra River, a short walk from two major city train stations as well as accessible by tram and other modes of transport.

The announcement is an important step in the ongoing preparations for the Festival, with groups from across Victoria and Australia able to seek accommodation with the venue location in mind. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, welcomed the news.

“The Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre is one of the largest of its kind in Australia, attracting millions of visitors each year. It holds a variety of spaces that we look forward to utilising during the Festival as we welcome thousands of pilgrims to Melbourne this November,” Archbishop Comensoli said.

The Festival is a national event established by the Australian Bishops over ten years ago. It seeks to provide young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church.

Held from 30 November – 2 December this year, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting the Festival during the Church’s Jubilee Year. The Archdiocese looks forward to welcoming thousands of pilgrims from Year 9 – 25 years of age, together with their accompanying leaders, teachers and clergy.

Further information about the Festival will be released in the months ahead. A new website was recently launched and will provide key resources and updates as the year progresses. The website can be accessed via: www.acyf.org.au.

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