

Lourdes, August 11

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We have entered into the spirit of the pilgrimage. This morning's opening Mass captured the international character of the congregation as we joined groups from Chile, Madagascar, Korea, Africa, and France. After Mass our group was asked to transport the sick back to the hospital for lunch. The entire Assumption group pulled the infirm across the Sanctuary and through the streets of Lourdes.



Later we joined in the rosary. Others visited the Grotto or spent time before the Blessed Sacrament.



Pope Francis with Young People from around the world at the Vigil on the Day of Prayer, Saturday 19th August 2011

Last week the faithful were preparing for World Youth Day in Madrid