

Update from Viola Hatak
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Poland Youth for Christ

The date is fast approaching (January 23rd) for the "Manifest conference" in Wroclaw, Poland, being organized by Youth for Christ. Viola is keenly aware of her responsibility and of her need to trust in God as the time draws near...

Manifest is coming soon and I am getting nervous a bit, because I still have a few big jobs to do before the conference and have no idea whether I will find volunteers for that. So **please pray** for an acoustics guy to be found, for a group of girls to run the cafe during the conference and for all us, the speakers. We have not run manifest for two years in Wroclaw (tho' we have in other towns in Poland). So it is like starting from scratch again and I have no idea how many people will come.

The main theme of manifest this time is a play on the Polish word for love: mi..mi..mi..miłość which literally translates "for me for me for me love"! We want to tackle the very hot issue of human relationships and myths that are becoming like the truth for even Christian young people - myths about singlehood, marriage, love. We want to remind the youth of the principle that one labors in vain trying to build a house (home, family, relationship) without God. We want to be in a dialog with young people about their perception of love that is presented and promoted by the world, and Love incarnated in Jesus and His cross.

The speakers are of different experience: singles, young couple, older couple, couple that experienced nearly a divorce. We want the youth to hear their stories. The main thread for all those stories is the fact that God's standards are not to be ridiculed or ignored. He is holy and He wants our relationships to be holy, not self-centered (for me for me for me...) but self-denying.

10 zlotych to get in shouldn't be a problem for the youth that want to come. It is a very token amount and does not cover even 1/3 of manifest costs. I have been saving money for the manifest last year so hopefully we will have enough to pay for the building rental, to cover the travel costs for the speakers and to pay the sound guy and the worship band.

So, as for my prayer request, **please pray** for this coming manifest so that it has a good attendance and so that it is all a God-directed and planned and run event, as only then will it have a good impact on people. We want to speak the truth and the words that will both confront and inspire young people to be not of this world and its mentality when it comes to love, marriage, divorce, sex etc. but that they will base their lives on God's values.