



*To those participating in
the 25th World Scout Jamboree
SaeManGeum, South Korea
1-12 August 2023*

Dear Friends in Scouting!

As you gather in SaeManGeum, Korea, for the 25th World Scout Jamboree, I pray that this unique experience of friendship and fraternity with other young people from throughout the world will not only be exciting but also spiritually enriching. Occasions like the Jamboree open our eyes to the beauty and diversity of our human family; they encourage us to play our part in building a world of justice, solidarity and peace, where every person is welcomed and helped to make their fondest hopes and dreams come true.

I am pleased that, as an important part of the Jamboree experience, you are visiting the Faith and Beliefs area, and particularly this Catholic tent. Our religious beliefs are an expression of our deepest values and a source of inspiration in our efforts to use our God-given gifts and talents in the service of others, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those in need. Jesus taught us that, as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven, we ought to do to others as we would have them do to us (cf. *Lk 6:31*). It is my hope that, by coming to know more about the Lord's life and teachings, you will be encouraged in your personal quest for the wisdom and spiritual

truths that will enable you to live good and holy lives, in harmony with the beauty of God's creation and in serene accord with all our brothers and sisters.

With great affection, I pray that Christ Jesus will accompany each of you on the path of life, as you seek, in the spirit of the Jamboree, to "draw your dream" and to realize your highest aspirations. Upon you, your families and your friends, I invoke the Lord's blessings of wisdom, joy and peace.

From the Vatican, 15 June 2023

Francis