

BROTHER ANDRE GRADUATE CAMPS ON THE GROUNDS OF A SEMINARY NEAR THE VATICAN

Young woman joins pilgrimage to Rome

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There is a feeling you get as a Catholic pilgrim in Rome that you cannot get anywhere else in the world, Jayne Baker says.

Baker, 20, is finding that feeling during World Youth Day, where the Markham resident has joined a biannual gathering of more than one million young pilgrims.

"You know why you came here. Everybody's so full of spirit," the Brother Andre Catholic High School graduate said Friday after a day of walking through the crowded city's famous piazzas and cooling her feet in one of the fountains.

The Catholic youth convention, created by Pope John Paul II in 1985, is huge, involving people of different ages and all different stages of spiritual journey, she said. "You're bonded (together) because of that."

Activities for pilgrims included tours of historical and religious sites in Rome and Baker has been impressed by the ancient architecture. "The history is overwhelming here. Everything is overwhelming here."

Baker and a friend had wanted to visit the Vatican and St. Peter's basilica Friday, "but the lineup was just enormous. The lineup to get in was all the way down the road," she said.

Her group has pitched its tents on the grounds of a seminary near the Vatican, world headquarters of Catholicism.



JAYNE BAKER: Woman expected to attend a vigil and a papal mass with two million people today

Economic Development Minister Al Palladini was one of those behind the successful proposal to have Toronto play host to up to a million visitors for five days in July 2002, the provincial government said this week.

Baker reported a big Canadian presence at World Youth Day. "There have been many Canadian flags flying around here in the streets," she said.

One newspaper reported that the 80-year-old Pope, who played hockey during his youth, was given a Toronto Maple Leafs jersey by a University of Toronto student.

For Baker, a volunteer with the Christian Brothers Leadership Institute, World Youth Day is part of a pilgrimage that began earlier this month in Dublin, Ireland. After seven days in Dublin, and a weekend in the small town of Taize, France (home to a particular school of meditation), she arrived in Rome.

Baker's mother, Marg Baker, said years of involvement with a Catholic youth group have changed her daughter. "She went from quite inward to quite outgoing."

The Pope has made 2000 a jubilee year, a special time when the Catholic faithful can remove the stain of past sins with a pilgrimage to Rome, Marg Baker said. "The jubilee year is the year of forgiveness. The slates are wiped clean."

From a window of the building, she said, you can see the basilica dome.

Baker was looking forward to the Saturday night vigil and the papal mass — expected to draw two million people or more — that will end the festival.

The Pope is then expected to announce the next World Youth Day will be in Toronto.

Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman, Ontario Premier Mike Harris and other politicians are in Rome to receive the news. Vaughan-King-Aurora MPP and

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Mr. Skinner currently holds the position of Vice President, Marketing & Corporate Sales at Metroland. His newspaper career spans 32 years, the past 25 with Metroland in various advertising management roles. He spent four years with Thomson newspapers in advertising sales and started his career with the Oshawa Daily Times as an advertising sales rep.

Mr. Skinner comes to his new role with a great reputation and history of achievement and commitment. He led his team to remarkable growth in both corporate sales revenues and Metroland's flyer distribution business.

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