



### The concepts behind the WYD08 logo

The logo distills the essence of the theme for WYD08:

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8).*

It highlights the promise made by Jesus to set fire upon the Earth by the power of the Holy Spirit which inspires the Pilgrims who come to Australia, to believe and witness to Him.

Central to the logo is the **Cross** raised in victory, representing Christ and the life of witness which the Holy Spirit enables. It is the passion of the heart of Christ, poured out into the world from the Cross, which consumes the young people of Sydney, of Australia and of the world. The whiteness of the Cross indicates that Jesus is the light of the world.

The **flames** of the logo represent the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in tongues of fire. They evoke the Sacrament of Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The colours of **red, orange and yellow** flowing throughout symbolise the Trinity and Unity of God. They also bring to mind the colours of the Australian outback.

The **blue** of the logo represents the oceans that surround Australia, the waters of Baptism, the sea of humanity and Mary, full of grace.

The **Opera House** is the symbol of Sydney, the host city for World Youth Day 2008.