

Saturday

3.15 pm Theme workshops

8.30 pm Evening Prayer: Service of Light with candles to celebrate the Easter mystery

Sunday

8.45 am Breakfast

10.00am Sunday Eucharist



Young People's Comments

"Taizé was an experience where you can develop your faith but also have fun along the way!"

"I think Taizé has helped me to be a better person in life and to help others more, it has also made me want to pray more, which makes me feel good."

"Deepened my faith and made me realise there's people my age just like me!"

"Amazing experience, where 1000's of young people from all over the world come to share their faith and have fun."

Trip details and costs

We depart Sunday 28th October and return on Sunday 4th November. Flights are from Dublin Airport to Lyons Airport in France.

Bus transfer will be provided to and from both Airports. **Cost inclusive of full travel, insurance, accommodation and full-board is €499.**

You will need a valid passport, and a European Health Insurance Card. We shall be staying in dormitory accommodation. There are shower and washing facilities on site. It can be hot in France at that time of year, but it can also rain. Come prepared! Opportunities for shopping are minimal. Limited amount of spending money required.

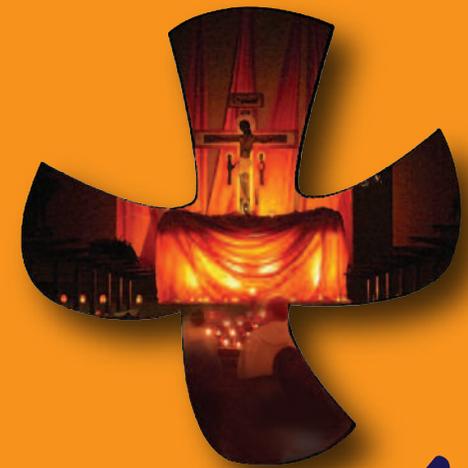
Bookings

Registration Form, Parental/Guardian Consent form and all other pertinent information regarding the trip, including payment details, are available on: www.elphindiocese.ie/taize

To book a place please complete the Registration form and if under 18 at time of travel complete the Parental/Guardian Consent form and return both to the address below with a deposit of €100 no later than 30th of September 2018.

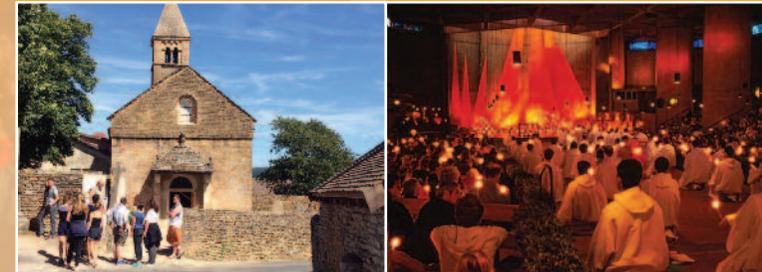
Cheques/drafts made payable to ELPHIN YOUTH MINISTRY. Electronic payment is also possible, please get in contact for IBAN and BIC details.

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TAIZÉ FRANCE

Senior Cycle: Mid-Term Break



28th October - 4th November 2018

Taizé in France is an extraordinary place, quite different from anywhere else. Someone once said it combines a religious monastery with the feel of a very large youth camp. You may arrive at Taizé behind German and Spanish, Swedish and Greek, French and Russian, Irish and British vehicles. But the spirit of openness, solidarity and encounter overcomes any barriers you might expect.



During the week we are planning, we shall be joining young people from all over Europe. Young people of different backgrounds meet at Taizé: those who are Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, believers of other religions, and those of no faith. The meetings at Taizé are about searching, listening and thinking about what it means to be a human being, and how we can do something to bring justice, peace and hope to our world.

We eat out of plastic bowls, stay up late and spend amazing amounts of time singing, talking and sharing. No one who has been to Taizé comes back unchanged. So why not journey with us and see what there is to discover?



What are the meetings about?

The meetings provide a space where young people can meet people their age from other countries and talk about important things. At the same time it is also possible at Taizé to discover how to be on your own.

Three times a day everyone gathers with the community in the church for prayer with songs, a scripture reading and silence.

Each day, the brothers of the community introduce a Bible reflection organised by language, followed by a time of discussion in small groups.

Between the meals and times of prayer there is plenty of free time. In the evening there is a great time of socialising at 'Oyak' Café. There is singing, dancing and all kinds of spontaneous entertainment in the midst of the crowd. And the church is always open for those looking for quiet.

Nothing is compulsory about Taizé. The wonderful sense of freedom there makes the times of prayer and meeting tremendously compelling. You just want to take part in everything because there is so much to be learned and experienced there.

However, Taizé is not a holiday resort. Our trip is to experience life as part of a faith community. As such, it can be a powerful experience, and we will also be expected to join in and volunteer, for example by serving the meals, washing-up and keeping the site tidy.

A typical day at Taizé

Monday to Friday

- 8:15 am Morning Prayer, then breakfast
- 10:00 am Introduction to the day with a brother of the community followed by small group discussion
- 12:20 pm Midday Prayer, then lunch
- 2:00 pm Optional song-practice during the afternoon international small groups or practical work
- 5:15 pm Tea
- 5:45 pm Theme Workshops
- 7:00 pm Supper
- 8:30 pm Evening prayer, then vigil with songs in the church. On Fridays, evening prayer is followed by a vigil around the cross.
- 9:30 pm Free socialising time @ 'Oyak'
- 11:30 pm. Night silence across the camp.

