

# Pope Benedict XVI's visit to America

**Pope Benedict XVI's April 15-20 trip to Washington DC and New York is his first papal visit to the U.S.**

■ **Tuesday, April 15:** President Bush and First Lady greet Pope Benedict as his flight – dubbed “Shepherd One” – lands at Andrews Air Force Base

■ **Wednesday, 10:30:** Official welcome at White House followed by private meeting with president

■ **17:30:** Address to 350 U.S. bishops at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

■ **Thursday, 10:00:** Celebrates Mass with 46,000 people at Washington Nationals baseball stadium

■ **17:00:** Meets with heads of Catholic colleges and universities at The Catholic University of America. **18:30:** Inter-religious meeting at Pope John Paul II Cultural Centre



■ **Friday, 10:45:** Address to United Nations after early flight from Washington to New York

■ **18:00:** Prayer service with leaders from other Christian denominations at St Joseph's Church in Manhattan

■ **Saturday, 09:15:** Private mass for priests, deacons and members of religious orders at St Patrick's Cathedral in heart of New York City

■ **16:30:** Rally and prayer service at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers – several thousand young people expected to attend

■ **Sunday, 09:30:** Visit to Ground Zero disaster site

■ **14:30:** Celebrates Mass for 57,000 people at Yankee Stadium. More than 550 priests and clergy will distribute Communion

■ **20:00:** Shepherd One leaves JFK International for Rome

***Pope Benedict's 81st birthday falls on Wednesday, April 16***