**REBECCA : a witness in the WYD**

Rebecca was an ordinary girl. Her life was simple and fascinating at the same time…She was born in Granja de Rocamora (Alicante) in 1975, you might be her age... She was a funny, generous, vibrant, spontaneous and very active girl. At the age of ten she faced a tough disease, a brain tumour which helped her to give herself to others and leave a flash of light on those who came across her. After her recovery she continued in high school and with her friends…She loved dancing, playing the guitar, doing crafts, movies, sports…She was really pretty. She continued to grow in faith in the friendly atmosphere she had in her house and in the parish too. The sacrament of confirmations marked her specially; it was then when she met Jesus Christ and took seriously her Christian life. She felt she had to share this treasure and decided to be a catechist of the smallest in the parish. She devoted herself to this task with passion. Without ceasing to be herself, Rebecca was opening her heart to God to have a deep friendship with him. Her contagious joy wasn´t lost when she was diagnosed again with a new disease which would make her remain in bed during her last three months of life. Where did she take her strength…? She knew God loved her, she was not alone… Her soul used to fly, and take those who used to visit her. Her smile in her pain and her experience of the Gospel, simply hooked those around her…With a brave heart and confidence “firm”, “rooted and built up in Christ” (cf.Col 2:7) she accepted the plan of God for her,” the Lord already knows that if it would be good for me, He would grant my health”, she said, “I pray that he increases my faith”. A faith so strong and bright which left an impressive trail after her death on May 26, 1996, when she was 20 years old.

(*<From the brochure.If you want to know more about Rebecca:www.rebecarocamora.es>)*

**(GLOSSARY:** tough:duro, dificil; disease: enfermedad; brain: cerebro; faith: fé; craft:artesania; strength:fuerza; Gospel: evangelio;friendship:amistad; pain:dolor; trail: estela)

**ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS**

1-Where was Rebecca born?

2-What were her hobbies?

3-What happened when she received the sacrament of confirmation?

4-Where was she a catechist?

5-How long did she remain in bed the second time she was ill?

6-How old was she when she died?

**FIND THE OPPOSITE WORDS IN THE TEXT**

-boring: -selfish: -ugly: -hate: -close: -enemy: –won: -weakness: -refuse: -ignore: -decrease

**What did other YOUNG PEOPLE say about her?**

-Clara(Alicante*):”It´s a* ***model to follow****. Lives as the one Rebecca lived are an incentive to move forward on the path of faith”*

-Louis (Texas*):” Rebecca has led me to meet God and gives me the strength to go forward without fear. She makes me see that we can be a saint in our time…to be* ***heroic*** *in everyday life”*

-Eva (Madrid):”***Thanks*** *for your smile, your eyes full of light, because thanks to your devoting life and your testimony of love and faith, our walk is more bearable and* ***we can be happy”***

**\*WRITE SOME WORDS ABOUT THE TESTIMONY OF REBECCA: What do you think of her life?**