

Jubilee of Eucharistic Youth Movement Feast of the BLESSED SACRAMENT World Day of EYM June 2015

100 years of EYM

"So that my joy may be in you"

(Gospel of John 15:11)

In this Jubilee Year, we make our this word "We are young people who want to tell the world that our youthful joy springs from our encounter with God, from disinterested love, from looking at our history with hope, from Jesus' plan, which fires us and moves us to act." (From the Latin American EYM Manual.)

Today, full of hope for divine blessing, we thank the Lord for 100 years of the Eucharistic Youth Movement (1915 Bordeaux / France). On the great Feast-day, we feel ourselves united in spirit with all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We are united in the Heart of Jesus and we come together to praise and thank Him.

The spirituality of the EYM, like that of the Apostleship of Prayer, springs from its Ignatian roots. It is at the same time a Eucharistic-grounded spirituality. EYM as rooted in the Eucharist, a Eucharist lived and celebrated. May the Lord give us, through this Centenary, to know better the spiritual treasure entrusted to us, for to receive his life and to give it out generously, living for and with others.

Reading: John 15:9-17

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."

Jubilee of EYM Corpus Christi Feast, June 2015

In the EYM, Jesus himself invites us to live in close friendship with him. Our three periods of daily prayer, our times of formation, our meetings and the various activities in the EYM all help us to live in friendship with him. These are all initiated by Jesus' loving heart, to keep us close to Him. If we feel that we are true friends of Jesus, we can truly say that we are of the EYM. For us at the EYM, the Eucharist is much more than a ritual that we attend on Sundays. It is a spiritual food that transforms us, an invitation to make it our way of living 'a form of Eucharistic life'. It is an invitation to live Jesus' style of life. (Cf.The heart of the EYM)

Prayer for a Jubilee Year

Jesus, our Lord and our friend, you have chosen us and brought us together in the Eucharistic Youth Movement.

Open our hearts to your Heart, show us your face in the beauty of your resurrection, and walk by our side every day.

As you give us your life in the Eucharist,

teach us to live like you, offering our lives for others.

We want to be your apostles in the service of your Church.

Brighten our gatherings with your smile

that we may spread your joy to the world.

Mary, our mother and mother of the Eucharistic Youth Movement,

be with us now and always. Amen.

Final song: Feu de joie MEJ (hymn for 100 years of EYM)



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