

## EYM celebrates 100 Years of guiding youth to union with Christ

The worldwide Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM) is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, and from August 4 to 10 Rome will be hosting a vast assembly of representatives from every continent. The origins of the EYM date back to 1814, when Father Gautrelet, SJ, engaged the young Jesuits studying philosophy in Vals, France into a powerful phalanx of prayer and studies.

The students offered their daily activities through the Sacred Heart of Jesus to give spiritual support to the work of missionaries in India. So it was that the Apostleship of Prayer was born. People of all ages from every station and walk of life dedicated their lives and their actions to God each day. They offered themselves through the Holy Mass for the all the spiritual and human needs of people, in support of the intentions of the Pope. (More on the founding of the Apostleship of Prayer below.)

This way of dedicating one's daily actions for the good of souls was soon embraced by persons in many countries, and by 1865, under the energetic efforts of Fr. Henri Ramirez, SJ, some one hundred thousand children pledged themselves to pray, study and work, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the Pope's intentions. The movement continued to grow and, in response to Pope Pius X's initiative in 1910 for young people to share in Holy Communion at mass, the children's Eucharistic Crusade came into being. This Crusade was gradually joined with the Apostleship of Prayer as the way of youthful commitment to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Eucharist.

By 1933, nearly a million children, 7-12 years old, in France, Belgium, Burundi, Madagascar and other countries were members of the Crusade, and the movement continued to flourish all over the world.

In 1962, the name Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM) was officially adopted and so this movement is known today. The first world meeting of of EYM took place in 2006. In subsequent years, the international office created a website and contact was established

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with 54 countries where EYM exists. Today there are more than one million members on five continents.

The Eucharistic Youth Movement is viewed as the youth-centered form of the Apostleship of Prayer. Its members range in age from 7 to 27 and follow the same practices as the Apostleship of Prayer, into which, as young adults, they are warmly welcomed.

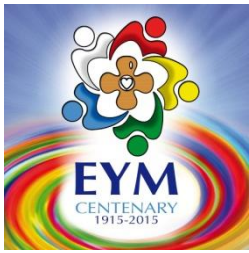


**The Heart of the EYM** The Eucharistic Youth Movement tells us that at its heart is *friendship with Jesus*. Jesus chose to call us, personally and with one another, to follow him and work in close union with him, as his friends. Though it was time for him to return to his Father, he wanted at the same time to remain among us in the Eucharist. And so, we come to Mass to join him on Calvary, we receive him intimately in Holy Communion, and we visit him and share in his presence as he remains with us in the Eucharist.

Once we are transformed by Christ in the Eucharist, he wants us to live out our friendship with him by joining him in helping the people he died to save. He will walk with us as we care for the sick and disabled, as we visit elderly people with no one to care for them, as we teach children and inspire young people by caring and sharing with them.

Christ did not give us the Eucharist just so that we could warm ourselves by his presence. He wants us to go out and share our faith with many others, so that it will be the Good News of their lives, as it has been for us.

Jesus wants, through us, to draw many others into his friendship. He calls us to draw power and strength from him in the Eucharist so that we can bring his friendship into many other lives.



## Opening message announcing the EYM Centennial Jubilee Year

**From June 22, 2014 to August 10, 2015**

Dear friends

The spirit of the EYM is to live in friendship with Jesus. From the beginning Jesus chose friends to accompany him in his daily life and in his mission of announcing to the world the love of his Father. It was a beautiful mission that filled his heart with joy. During these last one hundred years, as the Eucharistic Crusade and as the Eucharistic Youth Movement, we also have been invited to share that joy and friendship. This is a great privilege that we celebrate with gratitude. . . .

By this message we solemnly open the Jubilee Year of the Eucharistic Youth Movement. It will go from this coming **June 22, the feast of Corpus Christi, the international day of our Movement**, until the big World Gathering in Rome from August 4 to 10 2015.

**The motto** of our Jubilee Year and meeting in Rome is **“So that my joy may be in you”**, taken from the gospel of John 15:11.

What is the meaning of celebrating this Jubilee and Centennial? In the first place, we want it to help us to live the joy of Jesus’ friendship. We feel invited to come closer to his Heart and more committed to our service in the heart of the world. . . .

With this letter we send you the official **prayer for the Centennial**. We kept the same prayer we used for the Congress in Argentina in 2012. Pray it in your meetings to warm up the heart for our big Gathering. We also attach the **official logo**.

### **Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2014-2015**

**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.**

## Liturgical Days of Note 2015

### Including Jesuit Saints & Blesseds

#### January, 2015

1	Thu	Mary, Mother of God
2	Fri	First Friday
3	Sat	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4	Sun	Epiphany
11	Sun	Baptism of Christ
19	Mon	Jesuit Martyrs of Europe

#### February, 2015

2	Mon	Presentation of the Lord
4	Wed	St. John de Brito and others
6	Fri	St Paul Miki & Japanese Martyrs
6	Fri	First Friday
11	Wed	OL of Lourdes
18	Wed	Ash Wednesday

#### March, 2015

6	Fri	First Friday
19	Thu	St. Joseph
25	Wed	Annunciation of the Lord
29	Sun	Palm Sunday
29-Apr 4		Holy Week

#### April, 2015

5	Sun	Easter
10	Fri	First Friday
12	Sun	Sunday of Divine Mercy
22	Wed	BVM, Mother of SJ
25	Sat	St. Mark Evangelist
27	Mon	St. Peter Canisius

#### May, 2015

1	Fri	St. Joseph the Worker
1	Fri	First Friday
4	Mon	St. Joseph Mary Rubio
14/17	Th/Sun	Ascension
14	Thu	St. Matthias
16	Sat	St. Andrew Bobola
24	Sun	Pentecost
31	Sun	Holy Trinity

#### June, 2015

3	Wed	Charles Lwanga & Comp
5	Fri	First Friday
7	Sun	Corpus Christi
8	Mon	St. James Berthieu
9	Tue	St. Joseph Anchieta
12	Fri	Most Sacred Heart
13	Sat	Immaculate Heart of Mary
24	Wed	Nativity of John the Baptist
29	Mon	SS Peter & Paul Apostles

#### July, 2015

2	Thu	SS Bernadine Realino et al
3	Fri	St. Thomas Apostle
3	Fri	First Friday
9	Thu	SS Leo Mangin & Comps
25	Sat	St. James Apostle
31	Fri	St. Ignatius Loyola

#### August, 2015

6	Thu	Transfiguration
7	Fri	Restoration of SJ
7	Fri	First Friday
10	Mon	St. Lawrence
15	Sat	Assumption of Our Lady
18	Tue	St. Albert Hurtado
22	Sat	Queenship of BVM
24	Mon	St. Bartholemew Apostle

#### September, 2015

2	Wed	Jesuit Hungarian martyrs
4	Fri	First Friday
8	Tue	Nativity of BVM
9	Wed	St. Peter Claver
10	Thu	Bl. Francis Garate
14	Mon	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15	Tue	Our Lady of Sorrows
17	Thu	St. Robert Bellarmine

21	Mon	St. Matthew Apostle
29	Tue	Holy Archangels

#### October, 2015

2	Fri	First Friday
3	Sat	St. Francis Borgia
7	Wed	Our Lady of the Rosary
12	Mon	Bl. John Beyzym
12	Fri	St. Margaret Mary
19	Mon	SJ North American Martyrs
21	Wed	Bl. Diego & St. Pedro
22	Thu	St. John Paul II
28	Wed	SS Simon & Jude Apostles
30	Fri	Bl. Dominic Collins
31	Sat	St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

#### November, 2015

1	Sun	All Saints
2	Mon	All Souls
3	Tue	Bl. Rupert Mayer
5	Thu	All SJ Saints & Blesseds
6	Fri	All SJ Departed
6	Fri	First Friday
9	Mon	Lateran Basilica
13	Fri	St. Stanislaus Koska
14	Sat	St. Joseph Pignatelli
16	Mon	Jesuit Martyrs of Paraguay
21	Sat	Presentation of BVM
22	Sun	Christ the King
23	Mon	Bl. Michael Pro
26	Thu	St. John Berchmans
30	Mon	St. Andrew Apostle

#### December, 2015

1	Tue	St. Edmund Champion & Comp
3	Thu	St. Francis Xavier
4	Fri	First Friday
8	Tue	Immaculate Conception BVM
25	Fri	Christmas
26	Sat	St. Stephen
27	Sun	Holy Family
28	Sat	Holy Innocents

## The Holy Spirit and the Sacred Heart Devotion: Introduction

How is the Holy Spirit related to the Sacred Heart devotion? This is a question many people ask who take up this devotion. Perhaps it's simply the relation of Sanctifier to this key means of sanctification. Or should we rather look to the Holy Spirit's relation to the *person* of Christ our Lord and his love? ...after all, Christ's love is at the centre of this devotion. Or should we look at significant moments in the life of Christ where the Spirit was especially prominent, as at the time of his baptism? Are there parallels in the life of the Christian? ...times when the Spirit has a powerful effect on the soul of a follower of Christ, like the effect he had on the spirit of Jesus Christ himself. Perhaps this is the parallel we are looking for. Ultimately, what effects does the Holy Spirit work in a person devoted to Christ's Sacred Heart to help him achieve the intended benefits of this devotion?

Christ said he would ask the Father to send another Paraclete, that is, the Holy Spirit, to help the apostles remember all that he taught them. (John 14:16, 26). The Holy Spirit would also give them insight into the meaning of Christ's teaching and its importance, and he would enable them to make good use of it. The apostles knew that it was because of God's love for the world he created that he sent his Son to redeem this world and to lead it back to him. The Spirit would enable them to carry forth that work and convince people of God's love.

After Christ's return to the Father, the Holy Spirit would work to assure that the apostles (the Church) would capitalize on Christ's words and make them fruitful for souls. As Yves Congar says, The Spirit "continues, after Jesus' departure, to do Jesus' work.... He gives life to the flesh and words of Jesus. . . . The Spirit does not invent something new. . . . He will not speak on his own account, but whatever he hears he will speak . . . . He will glorify me, Jesus said. Jesus is the way, and the Spirit is the guide who enables man to go forward on that way." (*I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, I, 56-57)

Throughout history, the Holy Spirit would enable the Church to find meaning and guidance amid the unexpected and sometimes tragic events of the world and even of its own members. The Spirit always

enabled the Church to rise above these times and derive new inspiration to meet the needs of the world around it. The Spirit has never let the Church founder for long in its distress, but has always provided new guides and new ways to surmount its problems.

So it was in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when the Church was faced with the agony of an exceedingly narrow vision of the Christian religion in the Jansenist heresy, that Christ opened the eyes of the faithful to his loving mercy, as expressed in the Sacred Heart devotion, so that this narrow philosophy was seen to be a sham and an offense to the goodness of Christ our Savior. The Holy Spirit once again brought a right reading of the gospel to these harried souls. People were able to find strength and abundant reason for trust rather than servile fear and hardness of heart.

*In coming issues, the Sacred Heart Newsletter will run a series of articles on the Holy Spirit and the Sacred Heart devotion. Watch for them. To stimulate ideas for this series, the editor acknowledges inspiration received from the masterful work by Yves Congar, I Believe in the Holy Spirit. 3 volumes. (London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1983).*

### Beginnings of the Apostleship of Prayer

The story of the Apostleship of Prayer began on the feast of St. Francis Xavier in 1814 at the formation house for Jesuit students in Vals-près-le-Puy (in the central part of France). Their spiritual guide, Father Gautrelet, SJ, told the students to concentrate more on their studies rather than dreaming about setting off for faraway missions in India. But in his Mass on this feast, he described how a life entirely given to study could be very effective in the apostolate: "It's only necessary to infuse your studies with the spirit of prayer and offer them to God. If people joined together in doing this for the missions, there would be a convergence of power capable of lifting up mountains!" The idea of what was soon called 'the Apostleship of Prayer' (AP) spread like wildfire, first in the surrounding country villages, where the young Jesuits passed on this way of praying rooted in daily life, then throughout the world. By 1849, the Apostleship of Prayer was recognised by Pope Pius IX, and in 1890, Leo XIII was entrusting to it his monthly prayer intentions.