



Opening message for the EYM Centennial Jubilee Year

From June 22, 2014 to August 10, 2015

Rome, 20 June, 2014

Dear friends,

We now enter the Jubilee Year of the Eucharistic Youth Movement Jubilee leading us to the centenary celebration of the EYM in Rome in August 2015.

As you know EYM, known at that time as the "Eucharistic Crusade," was born in France (Bordeaux) in November 1915. It was born in the context of the European war of 1914-1918, following the Pope's appeal to children to pray for peace. EYM has grown rapidly around the world as the "youth branch" of the Apostleship of Prayer. You can learn all about it by reading the international document on the **history of MEJ** (Attached)

In EYM today there are
over a million children
and young people
in 54 countries worldwide !

For 99 years now we have walked with Jesus in many countries and many cultures, our hearts filled with the Eucharist and the mission given us.

"Jubilee" comes from the Latin *Jubilare*, that is to say, "rejoice." A Jubilee year is a year of joy, a year of celebration, thanking the Lord for the gift he has given us. The theme of the Jubilee Year, and the meeting in Rome, comes from the Gospel of St. John, chap. 15, 11: "That my joy may be in you"

As we celebrate **Corpus Christi, the world day of our Movement**, we wish everyone a joyful feast. A great Jubilee Year to you all ! May it provide us with an opportunity to further deepen the spiritual way that the EYM offers us: the joy of being friends of Jesus, the source of the Eucharist, in the service of the mission of Christ in the Church.

May the Lord Jesus, the source of true joy, bless all of you and each EYM team serving both our children and our youth!

In the friendship of the Lord,

Frédéric Fornos sj, Director General Delegate

Lourdes Varguez, rjm, Assistante internationale.

In September we want present each national team of EYM at our worldwide network. We need a team photo that represents you!

Thank you to send it to : Lourdes Vázquez : mejinternational@gmail.com

Two sources of inspiration for this year :

- **The words Jesus said to his disciples** in the context of the Last Supper, John 15,9-17, when he speaks of love and friendship
- **The apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium** in which our dear Pope Francis challenges us to live and announce the gospel (especially numbers 1 – 17 and 275 – 283)

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.