



Jubilee of Eucharistic Youth Movement  
Feast of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
World Day of EYM  
22 June 2014  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**<sup>1</sup>

**“So that my joy may be in you”**

(Gospel of John 15:11)

**Introduction :**

In this Jubilee Year, full of hope for divine blessing, we thank the Lord for 100 years of the Eucharistic Youth Movement. Today, the EYM is present in 54 countries around the globe with more than a million members. On the great Feast-day, we feel ourselves united in spirit with all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. In His Eucharistic Heart we come together to praise and thank Him. Let us open our hearts to this joy and receive Him in the Blessed Eucharist. As our dear Pope Francis says :

*« Standing before him with open hearts, letting him look at us, we see that gaze of love».*  
(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 264)

**Song for Exposition:** Adoramus te Domine (CD Cantate, Taizé) or another appropriate song

*Adoration and personal prayer*

**Reading :** (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* No. 3)

*I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord”.<sup>1</sup> The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: “Lord, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you...”*

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<sup>1</sup> *Visual Aid: In front of the altar or table where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, we recommend some visual aid to help young people of different ages enter into the experience. It should not be so elaborate as to distract from the Eucharist. For example, one could use a piece of bread, some grapes, and small fairy-lights integrating the Centenary Logo. During the time of silence, back-ground music would be appropriate. Silence and music should alternate. The choice of music should be adapted to the age of the young people or infant, sometimes an entire hymn or simple repetition of a refrain.*

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*Adoration and personal prayer*

**Reading:** (AP- A way of the heart, p. 8)

In the beginning there was love

- *I have loved you with everlasting love... (Jeremiah 31,3)*
- This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son... (1John 4:10)

*« To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope! ».*

(Pope Francis, Homily Solemnity of Saint Joseph, 19 March 2013)

*Adoration and personal prayer*

**Reading:** (Pope Francis, Homily of Palm Sunday, 24 March 2013)

*« Jesus on the Cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God's love he conquers it, he defeats it with his resurrection. This is the good that Jesus does for us on the throne of the Cross. Christ's Cross embraced with love never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and of doing a little of what he did on the day of his death»*

**Prayer** (AP- Intentions 2014) :

*R/. Your love, oh Lord, is faithful*

- That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.
- That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights.
- That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.
- That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

**Time for prayer:** appropriate song or silence

**Reading:** We recall the words spoken by Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth on the Sabbath Day as he opened the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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*«The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.» (Lc 4, 18-19).*

*Adoration and personal prayer*

**Lecture:** (Pope Francis, Homily of Palm Sunday, 24 March 2013)

*« Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings, he has shown the face of God's mercy, and he has bent down to heal body and soul.» « It is a beautiful scene, full of light - the light of the love of Jesus, the love of his heart - of joy, of celebration.. » « Our joy is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person ».*

**Time for prayer:** appropriate song or silence

**Reading:** (Pope Francis, 3rd Sunday of Advent, 15 December 2013)

*“The Christian message is called the ‘Gospel’; i.e. ‘good news’, an announcement of joy for all people; the Church is not a haven for sad people, the Church is a joyful home!  
« However, the joy of the Gospel is not just any joy. It consists in knowing one is welcomed and loved by God. All those who have encountered Jesus along the way experience a serenity and joy in their hearts which nothing and no one can take away. Our joy is Jesus Christ, his faithful love is inexhaustible!”*

*Adoration and personal prayer*

**Reading:** Word of God (Jn 15, 9-11)

*« Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full »*

**Time for prayer:** appropriate song or silence

**Reading :** (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium No. 262, 264, 282)

*Spirit-filled evangelizers are evangelizers who pray and work. The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which*

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*urges us to ever greater love of him. We need to recover a contemplative spirit which can help us to realize ever anew that we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us to lead a new life. When evangelizers rise from prayer, their hearts are more open; freed of self-absorption, they are desirous of doing good and sharing their lives with others.*

**Let us pray** (AP- Intentions 2014) :

*R/. Your love, oh Lord, is faithful*

- That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.
- That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.
- That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.
- That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.
- That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

*Adoration and personal prayer*

### **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:** appropriate joyful song