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My Dear Young People,

Peace be with you! Whether you are here in Washington, DC at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception or are joining us through the Eternal Word Television Network, thank you for sharing in this the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour. As the personal and official representative of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in the United States of America, I bring to you the Holy Father's warm greetings, his fatherly Blessing and the assurances that he is with you in spirit.

On one occasion, our Holy Father met with children who had recently received their First Holy Communion or who were preparing to receive it shortly. One boy asked His Holiness about "Eucharistic Adoration." Pope Benedict responded: **"adoration is recognizing that Jesus is my Lord, that Jesus shows me the way to take, and that I will live well only if I know the road that Jesus points out and follow the path he shows me...adoration means saying: 'Jesus, I am yours, I will follow you in my life, I never want to lose this friendship, this communion with you...I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always.'"** (Saturday, October 15, 2005)


My Dear Young People, this is exactly what you are doing right now: you are saying to Jesus **"I am yours...please stay with me always."** Jesus, Bread of Life, You are **my** Way, **my** Truth, **my** Life and **my** Hope. Jesus, **I** trust in **You!**

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Catholic Church will begin a special "Year of Faith." You will hear more about this in your parishes. But, what you are doing right now, at this moment, is what is most important: if you firmly resolve to walk with Jesus each day, you will do well in life and, in your own way, you will help lead others to Him. This is what the "Year of Faith" means.

May Mary Immaculate, Who carried Jesus within her womb, accompany you every day on your journey of life, helping you to keep your eyes on Jesus until one day you meet Him and His Mother in the eternal joy of Heaven.

God bless you.

Your Friend,

  
Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò