

CHILDREN OF THE EUCHARIST

WORLDWIDE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

First Friday in October

Children of the world following the spiritual path of the Little Shepherds of Fatima

Dear Cardinals and Bishops,

Clergy, Catholic Educators, and Parents,

Let us unite and open the door to a *New Springtime* for families!

At Fatima in 1917, the “Angel of Peace” was sent as a *Teacher of Love* by our Blessed Mother to draw the three Little Shepherd Children into the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. He taught them how *to adore Jesus, prayers to pray while in His Presence, and to make sacrifices for the conversion of the world.* This was a prelude to the apparitions of Our Lady and the essence of her message:

GOD IS OFFENDED – WE MUST DO PENANCE AND AMEND OUR LIVES

Lucia wrote in her *Memoirs*:

“The words of the Angel were indelibly impressed upon our minds. They were like a light which made us understand who God is, how He loves us and desires to be loved, the value of sacrifice, and how pleasing it is to Him and how, on account of it, He grants the grace of conversion to sinners ...”

The Annual Worldwide Children’s and Youth Eucharistic Holy Hour is a *call* to the world’s clergy, Catholic educators and parents to gather the children of the world into their parish churches and chapels each year on the First Friday of October, to spiritually unite their prayers as they are guided into the *School of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*: Eucharistic adoration and reparation, entrustment to Mary and the Holy Rosary.

This annual event lends the opportunity to *open the floodgates of graces and mercy* on our world, as millions of children throughout the world unite in prayer before the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus to *console and make reparation to His Most Sacred and Eucharistic Heart.* At the same time, it gives them the unprecedented opportunity to pray for the needs of their own family and all the families of the world.

In the United States, the National Annual Holy Hour is held each October at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. At the same time it may be easily observed on the local level. Clergy, school principals, teachers and parents can bring students to their parish churches and chapels to participate.

The children of the world are wounded by the scourges of divorce, drugs, abuse, impurity – and the list goes on. Who is going to repair these wounded hearts? We must bring them into the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus to be *bathed in His love. He alone can “fan the flame of faith in the souls of our world’s children, and through the children to their parents, thus reopening the places of faith of our time.”*

Benedict XVI- Bressanone, Italy.

The fruit of this annual global Eucharistic event is untold graces that are shed upon the families of the world.

DOMESTIC CHURCH ENTRUSTED TO THE PRAYERS OF CHILDREN

Out of the mouth of infants and of sucklings Thou hast perfected praise, because of Thy enemies, that Thou mayst destroy the enemy and the avenger. Psalm 8:2

In his 1994 *Christmas Letter to the World’s Children*, Pope John Paul II stated:

“My dear young friends, it is to your prayers that I want to entrust the problems of your own family and all the families in the world.”

We need a crusade to actively guide our very young children of the world into the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus, rather than leaving it to chance that they might sometime later find the Blessed Sacrament. Lacking His loving relationship in prayer leaves them very vulnerable to the terrible examples offered them by immoral television programming, movies, and magazines.

Please consider making an appeal to your diocese to support and participate in the *Annual Worldwide Children’s and Youth Holy Hour*, always held on the first Friday in October. By doing so, you will be an instrument in the hands of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our Eucharistic Lord towards the realization of the long-awaited *New Springtime* for our families and the world

...and a little child shall lead them...Isaiah 11:6

The *Annual Worldwide Children and Youth Eucharistic Holy Hour* will bring grace and peace to families, fan the ‘flame of faith’ in hearts, re-energize and re-catechize the family in order that the Catholic Faith may strike root deeply in its members. It will change the world, not with great words, not with great actions, but with **great love ... and God’s beloved little children will lead the way.**

Our children will be transformed in holiness and become active evangelizers in their parishes, schools and families, and thus will have *hope* of escaping the consequences of a world that has literally lost its way.

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