



## What is a Eucharistic Congress?

A Eucharistic Congress is an international gathering of people which aims to:

- 1 Promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church;
- 2 Help and improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy;
- 3 Draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

The Congress normally takes place every four years.

The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Congress. The wider program of the Congress includes other liturgical celebrations, cultural events, catecheses, testimonies, and workshops during the week of the Congress.

## Origin of the Eucharistic Congress

### St. Peter Julian-Eymard

The work of the International Eucharistic Congress began in France in 1881 as a fruit of the Eucharistic apostolate of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard, “the Apostle of the Eucharist” and of other outstanding figures such as:

### Blessed Antoine Chevier

Antoine Chevier was a French priest of the nineteenth century. He is the founder of the Word of the Prado, a clerical school.

### Leon Dupont

He is known as “The Holy Man of Tours,” or the “Apostle of the Holy Face.” He helped spread various Catholic devotions such as that of the Holy Face of Jesus and the nightly Eucharistic adoration. He was declared Venerable by the Holy See during Pope Pius XII’s pontificate and currently awaits beatification.

### Emilie Tamisier

She first proposed the idea of rendering public homage and veneration to the Blessed Sacrament under the form and name of the International Eucharistic Congress.

## **51<sup>st</sup> International Eucharistic Congress** **24-31 January 2016, Cebu City, Philippines**

**Theme: “Christ in Us, Our Hope of Glory”**

### **Schedule of Activities**

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>January 24 (Sunday)</b> 4:00 PM Opening Mass of the 51st IEC at Plaza Independencia			
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>January 25 (Monday)</b> 8:00 - 8:30 AM Preliminaries 8:30 - 9:00 Morning Prayers 9:00 - 10:00 Catechesis 10:00 - 10:30 Testimony 10:30 - 11:00 BREAK		11:00 - 12:30 PM Holy Eucharist 12:30 - 2:00 Lunch Break 2:00 - 3:00 Press Conference with Speakers 3:00 - 4:00 Concurrent Sessions	
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>January 26 (Tuesday)</b> 8:00 - 8:30 AM Preliminaries 8:30 - 9:00 Morning Prayers 9:00 - 10:00 Catechesis 10:00 - 10:30 Testimony 10:30 - 11:00 BREAK		11:00 - 12:30 PM Holy Eucharist 12:30 - 2:00 Lunch Break 2:00 - 3:00 Press Conference with Speakers 3:00 - 4:00 Concurrent Sessions	
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>January 27 (Wednesday)</b> 8:00 - 8:30 AM Preliminaries 8:30 - 9:00 Morning Prayers 9:00 - 10:00 Catechesis 10:00 - 10:30 Testimony 10:30 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break 1:00 - 3:00 Departure for Parishes		4:00 - 5:00 Holy Eucharist in the Parishes 5:00 - 6:00 Faith-Sharing with Parishioners 6:00 - 7:00 Dinner and Cultural Show in the Parishes	
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>January 28 (Thursday)</b> 8:00 - 8:30 AM Preliminaries 8:30 - 9:00 Morning Prayers 9:00 - 10:00 Catechesis 10:00 - 10:30 Testimony 10:30 - 11:00 BREAK 11:00 - 12:30 PM Holy Eucharist 12:30 - 2:00 Lunch Break 2:00 - 3:00 Press Conference with speakers 2:00 - 4:00 Deaf Tracks 1 & 2		3:00 - 5:00 Penitential Service 7:00 - 10:00 Visita Iglesia: 7 Churches Youth Day 2:00 - 3:00 Praise and Worship Catechesis 4:00 - 6:00 Transfer to Plaza Independencia 7:00 - 4:00 AM Overnight Vigil at Plaza Independencia 5:00 Holy Eucharist	
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>January 29 (Friday)</b> 8:00 - 8:30 AM Preliminaries 8:30 - 9:00 Morning Prayers 9:00 - 10:00 Catechesis 10:00 - 10:30 Testimony		1:00 - 2:00 Press Conference with the Speakers 2:00 - 3:00 Deaf Track 3 2:00 - 4:00 Departure for Cebu	

	10:30 - 11:00 11:00 - 12:00 PM 12:00 - 1:00	BREAK Catechesis Lunch Break	4:00 - 5:30 5:30 - 8:00	Capitol Bldg. Holy Eucharist Procession to Plaza Independencia
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>January 30 (Saturday)</b> 8:00 - 8:30 AM Preliminaries 8:30 - 9:00 Morning Prayers 9:00 - 10:00 Catechesis 10:00 - 10:30 Testimony 10:30 - 11:00 BREAK 11:00 - 12:00 PM Deaf Track 4 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break		1:00 - 2:00 2:00 - 3:00  4:00 - 6:00 6:00 - 7:00 7:00 - 9:00	Deaf Track 5 Deaf Track 6 Departure for Cebu City Sports Center Holy Eucharist Sinulog Presentation Dinner and Sharing (Taiwan delegates)
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>January 31 (Sunday)</b> 4:00 PM IEC Eucharistic Celebration at the South Road Properties			

### Speakers:

H.E. Luis Antonio Gokim Cardinal Tagle  
H.E. Orlando Beltran Cardinal Quevedo, OMI  
H.E. John Cardinal Onaiyekan  
H.E. Oswald Cardinal Gracias  
H.E. Timothy Cardinal Dolan  
Most Rev. Miguel Cabrejos Vidarte, OFM  
Most Rev. Thomas Menamparampil, SDB  
Rev. Msgr. Diego Monroy Ponce  
Rev. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP  
Rev. Fr. Paul Vu, SSS  
Rev. Fr. Francis Maloney, SDB  
Rev. Fr. Robert Barron  
Dr. Josefina Manabat

### How to register from Taiwan?

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