

International Eucharistic Congress of Lourdes



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We can not doubt that the International Eucharistic Congress of Lourdes will be one of the most beautiful manifestations of Eucharistic piety ever witnessed. Every reason leads us to think so.

After Rome, Lourdes is the best known and the most loved city in the world. It is the centre of irresistible attraction for all souls devoted to the Most Holy Virgin and to the worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Lourdes, the country of the Immaculate Conception, has likewise become, if we may so say, the country of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Nowhere do they communicate more frequently, nowhere do they adore Him more fervently.

Let us prepare the supernatural success of the Congress by intense prayer, by Communion and sacrifices. Let us especially ask that on the occasion of this Congress, there may be throughout the whole world a renewal of faith and, as it were, an outburst of love toward the Most Blessed Sacrament, and that the day of the closing solemnities of Lourdes may be a day of solemn adoration in all the parishes of the Catholic world. This is the desire expressed at the closing of the Congress of Malta by Monseigneur Heylen, President of the Permanent Committee of Eucharistic Congresses, and we know that the valiant and pious Bishop of Namur will do all that lies in his power to realize that desire. We will aid him as far as we can.

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