

Pope Francis to the young people at UNIV: “Continue moving forward, enthusiastic in faith”

With deep gratitude and joy, we share the letter Pope Francis sent to the young participants of UNIV 2025. We share it with everyone as an invitation to join in prayer for the Holy Father, as he asks us to do in the letter.

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To the young participants
in the International UNIV Congress
2025

Rome, 12-20 April 2025

Dear young people:

The International UNIV Congress that you are taking part in this week in Rome brings you together to celebrate a double jubilee: the Holy Year of 2025, and the centenary of Saint Josemaría Escrivá's priestly ordination. We have so many reasons to give thanks to God and to continue moving forward, enthusiastic in faith, diligent in charity, and persevering in hope (cf. *1 Thess 1:3*)!

I share in your joy and accompany you with my prayer, asking the Lord that this time of pilgrimage and fraternal encounter may spur you to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

crucified and risen, to everyone, as a message of hope that fulfils promises, leads to glory, and, founded on love, does not disappoint (cf. Bull *Spes non confundit*, no. 2).

May Jesus bless you and may the holy Virgin Mary watch over you. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

Fraternally,

Francis

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 8 April
2025

Letter from Pope Francis to UNIV 2025

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