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The Eymardian Family Gathered at Various Times During of the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Ecuador

The Eymardian Family gathered at different times together during the International Eucharistic Congress. Mona Grigsby-Suarez, Co-director of the Center for Eucharistic Evangelizing (*specializing in international ministry*), Fathers Jaime Reyes, SSS (*Houston, originally from Columbia*) and John Thomas Lane, SSS, Provincial from the United States, joined with the Brazilian and Argentinian SSS representatives (*lay and priests*). Later in the day, we joined together in the evening with the Peruvian & Columbian SSS Family members. The photo to the left is in front of the Basilica of the National Vow (*to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*). As mentioned earlier, the president and an Ecuador priest proposed a national basilica to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus one hundred and fifty years ago. The government and all provinces each gave funds to build the basilica. It is not complete yet, and when it is complete, they believe it will be the end of the world!



On a brief tour, we went to the famous Marian statue in Quito, highest in the world. For fifty-three years, Our Lady of Panacillo has guarded the city of Quito, holding back the chains of evil. She is over a mountain near the old city part of Quito at one end of a boulevard that ends at the National Basilica.

A family (*Gross from Italy*) shares how they felt called to move from Italy to share lives in Ecuador, committing their lives to living the Eucharist with those who live in the rural areas of Ecuador. The children, too, live in a barrio with their parents, who organize through NGO's to build furniture (*as seen behind them and used during the Congress*). Each presentation on the Eucharist was followed by a witness of putting the Eucharistic into practice. This family moved us, especially the children. Not pictured here

(*due to the internet being shut down*), Mary Wu (*Taiwan*), who shared how she and the Archdiocese where she serves as liaison for youth ministry, have worked at having children catechize and pray in the presence of the Eucharist. When teaching 5-year-olds, she shared a story of a little boy saying that she heard Jesus tell him he was a good boy. Mary asked the boy what he told Christ back. The boy said, "I love you, Jesus!"



The Americas Eymardian Family celebrates the bi-lingual Novena of Saint Peter Julian Eymard one evening in the retreat center chapel. We were joined by Holy Cross Bishop Jorge Enrique Izaguirre Rafael, Diocese of Choice, Peru, where one of our SSS priests, Elibien Joseph, SSS, is parish priest with our Associates. Associate reps from this parish came to the Congress with Father Elibien.



Fr. Elibien introduces Bishop Jorge, CSC, his local ordinary who, even though part of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, has a deep affinity with Eymard and the Associate movement.

Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher is at the end of the long line of bishops and cardinals worldwide as he prepares to preside over and preach about the "First Breakfast."





Before a Congress Mass, most of the SSS priests gathered together with Fr Vittore Boccardi, SSS (*on the Pontifical Commission for International Eucharistic Congresses - Italy*), Fathers Elissandro (*Brazil*), Former General Superior Fr. Fiorenzo Salvi (*Italy - with Father Lane behind him*), Fr Tonny Akena (*Uganda*), Fr José (*Brazil*), Fr Marcello Chelo (*Argentina*), behind him Fr Lino Emilio Diez Valladares (*Spain*) and sitting on the floor Fr Jaime Ario Rodriguez Reyes (*USA-Houston/Columbia*).

Congress Chapel of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Yes, it was a very gray space, and I just happened to be there in the afternoon when everyone was wearing gray, black, or white.



Carmelite Mother Superior Veronica de la Santa Faz of her monastery (*as they call their convents in Ecuador*) shares how to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



We thank and appreciate the organization committee of the Congress.



A reunion with our former General Superior Fiorenzo Salvi (*who lives in Italy*), who writes and speaks about the Eucharist and has recovered very well from complex health issues - Praise God!

