

49TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN QUEBEC CITY CANADA

INFORMATION REGARDING THE CYE PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC CITY

- You must be 18 years old by the time of the Congress in order to attend with Catholic Youth Expeditions.
- If you do not have a **passport**, please apply for one immediately. A passport will be *required* to enter Canada!
- We plan on departing from Fr. Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh on Thursday evening, June 12th, and will return to Oshkosh June 23rd
- Obviously there will be additional charges for the pilgrimage beyond that which is required for the Congress itself. We do not have final numbers yet, but are hoping that the pilgrimage will not cost you more than \$500 or \$600 in total (Congress fee, transportation, lodging, meals, etc.). We are planning on taking the new CYE bus and camping (this is an Expedition, don't forget!) in Quebec City.
- **YOU MUST REGISTER AND HAVE YOUR PAYMENT SENT TO LUKE STRAND NO LATER THAN APRIL 28TH**
- A more detailed pilgrimage itinerary is below.
- If you're in please follow the registration instructions below!

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log on to the International Eucharistic Congress website: <http://www.cei2008.ca/en/>
2. Under REGISTRATION, please complete the online secure registration form. Some notes about this form:
 - a. When prompted, register with the **USA-Archdiocese of Milwaukee Group** whose representative is Fr. Paul Hartmann.
 - b. Complete the Personal Data Form
 - c. Please sign up for all activities on the Activities Form
 - d. On the Transport Form, please list the following:
 - i. Transport type: Car
 - ii. Arrival: June 15th
 - iii. Departure: June 22nd
 - e. Please print your registration summary.
 - f. Please print your Registration Confirmation
3. After you have registered please send Luke Strand an email to: strandluke@yahoo.com indicating that you have done so.
4. Please send your registration payment (\$238 US Dollars which is equivalent to \$230 CAD Dollars):

Luke Strand
St. Francis de Sales Seminary
3257 South Lake Drive
St. Francis, WI 53235

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Archdiocese of Milwaukee
5. Keep the pilgrimage in your prayers!

QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION

What is an International Eucharistic Congress?

It is a gathering of the Universal Church to celebrate Jesus alive and present in the Eucharist, source and summit of evangelization and center of the Church's life. With the approval of the Pope, a diocesan Church invites other Churches to a unique time of prayer, reflection and commitment.

Have there been many Eucharistic Congresses in Canada?

Only one other International Eucharistic Congress took place in Canada, in Montreal in 1910. However, there have been many parish, regional and national congresses, one of which occurred in Quebec City in 1938, but none since Vatican II.

Does a Eucharistic Congress require a long preparation?

The preparation is as important as the celebration. This preparation presupposes a deepened understanding of the Eucharistic mystery through catecheses, fervent celebration of the liturgy, and a search for solidarity and sharing initiatives to help fraternal relationships grow. That spiritual preparation nurtures the fruits of the Spirit operating in the Church.

What will happen during the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress?

A preliminary program will be presented in May 2008. Here are some indications:

- Each day, a catechesis and a solemn Eucharistic liturgy will help to deepen understanding of the general Congress theme and daily themes.
- Congress pilgrims speaking various languages will gather in parish churches to socialize, share and pray with members of those Christian communities.
- Public celebrations will include a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, a Young Adult Prayer Vigil, a Family Weekend Program, and also artistic and cultural activities.
- A charitable work, which for years to come will witness to the fruits of the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress, will be inaugurated on June 20th.
- Quebec's religious heritage will be highlighted by pilgrimages and guided tours.

When and where will these events take place?

The 2008 International Eucharistic Congress will occur from June 15 to 22, 2008. The main venue will be the city's fair grounds, "ExpoCité", which will be named "Eucharistic City" for the occasion. The Closing Eucharist will be celebrated on the Plains of Abraham. Some gatherings will also be held in certain churches.

What is the theme of the 2008 Congress?

"The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World"

Who is in charge of its organization?

By right, Quebec's Archbishop is President of the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress. He set up a Planning Committee to oversee its main directions and major decisions.

How is a Eucharistic Congress financed?

The main sources of revenue are: the registration fees of Congress pilgrims; donations from communities and religious movements and institutions; contributions from the three levels of government; a public fundraising campaign; and donations via the internet. A corporation manages the budget in a strict and efficient way. The Canadian Bishops accepted to hold a collection during the 2007 and 2008 Corpus Christi celebrations. Moreover, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has donated one million dollars.

CYE Extreme Pilgrimage

International Eucharistic Congress

Quebec City

THURSDAY, June 12th

8:00pm Meet at Fr. Carr's Place 2B in Oshkosh
9:00pm Depart for Manitowoc, WI
12:00am Board the S.S. Badger, Lake Michigan Car Ferry to Ludington, MI

FRIDAY, June 13th

5:30am Arrive in Ludington, MI
6:30am Depart Ludington, MI
7:00pm Arrive at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs

SATURDAY, June 14th

10:00am Depart Shrine of the North American Martyrs
2:00pm Arrive in Combermere at Madonna House
4:00pm Depart Madonna House
8:00pm Arrive in Montreal
--Visit Oratory of St. Joseph (Brother Andre)
--Visit Notre Dame Basilica
--Visit St. Patrick Cathedral / Basilica

SUNDAY, June 15th

12:00pm Depart Montreal
3:00pm Arrive in Quebec City
4:00pm Mass at Eucharistic City
7:30pm Arrive at Beauport Municipal Campground in the Village of Quebec

SUNDAY, June 15th – SUNDAY June 22nd

International Eucharistic Congress Programming

SUNDAY, June 22nd

11:00am STATIO ORBIS Mass
2:00pm Depart Quebec City
11:00pm Arrive at North Bay, Ontario

MONDAY, June 23rd

6:00am Depart North Bay, Ontario
6:00pm Arrive at Fr. Carr's Place 2B, Oshkosh