



The Holy See

**MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
TO THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS IN THE UNIV 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

[Rome, 12-20 April 2025]

Dear young people,

The UNIV International Conference that you are holding in Rome brings you together during these days in the celebration of a double Jubilee event: the Holy Year 2025 and the centenary of the priestly ordination of Saint Josemaría Escrivá. How many reasons to give thanks to God and to continue to journey enthusiastically in faith, diligent in charity and persevering in hope (cf. 1 Thess 1:3)!

I join in your joy and accompany you with my prayer, asking the Lord that this time of pilgrimage and fraternal encounter may impel you to bring to all the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, as the proclamation of the hope that fulfils the promises, leads to glory and, founded on love, does not disappoint (cf. Bull *Spes non confundit*, 2).

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

Fraternally,

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 8 April 2025

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