

THIRD WORLD CONGRESS
OF ECCLESIAL MOVEMENTS
AND NEW COMMUNITIES

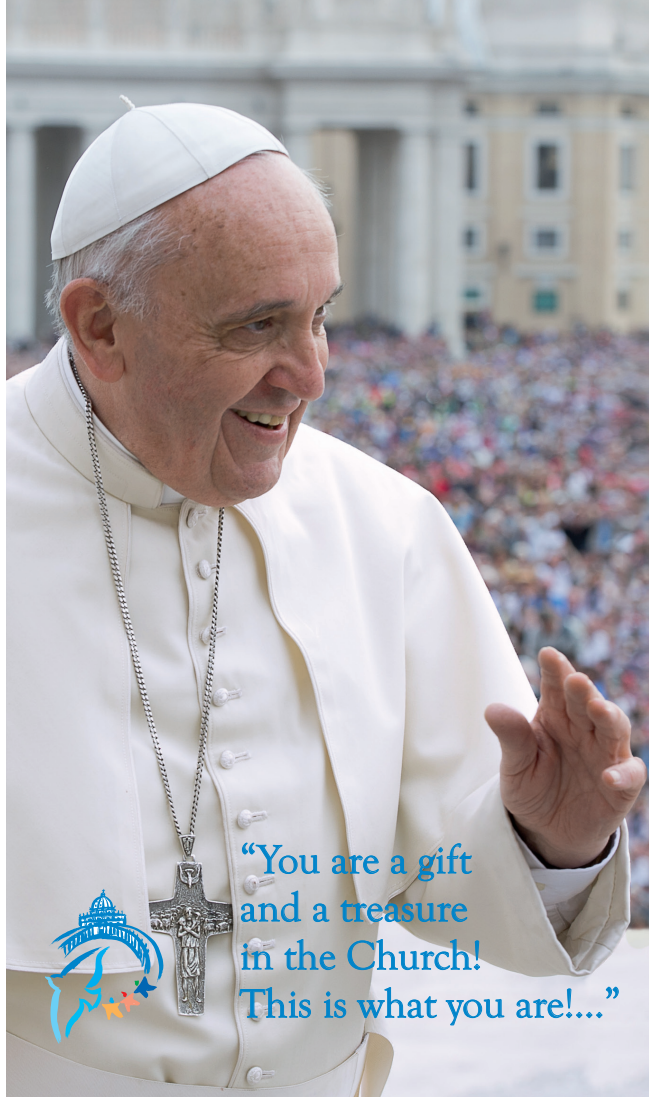
“The joy of the Gospel:
a missionary joy...”

(cf. *Evangelii gaudium*, no. 21)

Rome, 20th-22th November 2014



Pontifical Council for the Laity



“You are a gift
and a treasure
in the Church!
This is what you are!...”



PRAYER

FOR THE THIRD WORLD CONGRESS
OF ECCLESIAL MOVEMENTS
AND NEW COMMUNITIES

God, our Father,
through your Spirit
with overwhelming generosity
and with ever new gifts,
You enrich your Church,
the beloved Spouse of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Turn your merciful gaze upon
ecclesial movements
and new communities
to whom you have entrusted
so many varied charisms.

Confirm them in your holy service
and preserve their sense of wonderment
at the beauty of the charism
they have received.

Give them love for the Church
and respect for its pastors,
patience and fortitude in tribulations,
and compassion for the poor
and the excluded.

Help them and raise them up
in their human frailties.

Stir in their hearts
the delightful and comforting joy
of evangelizing.

Guide the path of preparation
for the Third World Congress
of ecclesial movements and new communities
so that it may become a cenacle
of a renewed Pentecost.

May the fire of your Spirit revive in them
the missionary ardour and passion
that the Holy Father Pope Francis desires
for the Church of our times.

May the intercession of Mary,
Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church,
Radiant Star of Evangelization
and humble handmaid of your
infinite Love,
accompany them always.

To you, Father, be glory and honour
through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit
now and forever.

Amen.