EUROPEAN CONGRESS

IV European Congress of the OFS and YouFra, Llinars del Valles, Barcelona 14-19 of July, 2025

Creation and fraternity: one family, one mission

800 years of the Canticle of the Creatures

Monday 14th

16.00 Reception and allocation of rooms
20.00 **Congress opening Mass. Procession with the icon of Our Lady, Queen of the Franciscan Family (chapel)**
21.00 Dinner
22.00 **Welcome and Presentation of the national OFS-YouFra Fraternities (central patio)**

Tuesday 15th

8.00 Holy Mass (chapel)
9.00 Breakfast
10.00 **The Canticle of the Creatures: A Proposal for the People of Today.** Fray Salvador Jiménez Durán OFM (Presentations room)
11.30 **Break (coffee and pastries)**
12.00 **A Leadership of Service in the OFS-YouFra.** Tibor, OFS General Minister and Felix, YouFra International Coordinator (Presentations room)
13.30 Break
14.00 Lunch
16.00 **swimming pool, rest**
18.00 **Workshop: Fraternal Activities.** Groups designated by language. YouFra (adjacent rooms)
19.15 Feedback Session
19.45 Break
20.00 **Prayer before the Christ of San Damiano** . YouFra (Central patio)
21.00 Dinner
22.00 **Fraternal Evening Get Together. (Marquee)**

Wednesday 16th

7.00 Breakfast
8.00 **Pilgrimage to Montserrat**
With the possibility of visiting the cave (It opens at 10.30)
11.30 **Prayer before the monument of Saint Francis**
12.30 **Welcome by the Abbot of Montserrat**
13.00 **Holy Mass in the Basilica**
14.00 Lunch. (Takes place in the hall they designate to us)
15.00 **Inside the Basilica: Mapping** 1000 years of the Monastery of Montserrat
16.00 **We Will Kiss the Throne of the Virgin (closes at 18.15)**
18.00 Return to Llinares
21.00 Dinner
22.00 **Recitation of the Rosary for world peace before the Icon** (Patio)

Thursday 17th

8.00 Holy Mass (Chapel)
9.00 Breakfast
10.00 OFS – YouFra: The Church on the Road to Synodality. Mons. Salvador Cristau, Bishop of Tarrasa (Presentations room)
11.30 Break (Coffe and pastries)
12.00 On Being a Secular Franciscan: A Song of Praise based on the Canticle of the Creatures. Manolo Sanchez OFS (Presentations room)
13.30 Break
14.00 Lunch
16.00 swimming pool, rest
18.00 Workshop: The Canticle of the Creatures. Manolo Sanchez OFS (Groups designates by language. Adjacent rooms)
19.15 Feedback Session
19.45 Break
20.00 Praises to God Most High through song. Young people from the Parish of Mare der Deu (Mother of God), Montserrat and Saint Anthony of Padua, Granollers. (Central Patio)
21.00 Dinner
22.00 Fraternal Evening Get Together (Catachesis through magic) (Marquee)

Friday 18th

8.30 Lauds
9.00 Breakfast
10.00 Commentary and Customs of the Castellers (part of Catalan culture). Xavi Ramos and Joan Contreras
11.15 Presentation of the Solidarity Project resulting from the Congress: DANA Jose Juan OFS
12.00 Round table: The OFS and YouFra in Europe. Juliana (YouFra), Dina e Noemi Paola (OFS)
13.30 Break
14.00 Lunch
16.00 Outing to the Sagrada Familia
18.30 Holy Mass in the crypt of the Sagrada Familia
20:00 Individual group tours of the Sagrada Familia
21.30 Return to Llinares
22.30 Spanish Evening

Saturday 19th

8.30 Lauds
9.00 Breakfast
10.00 Final Outcomes. Concluding Plenary Session
11.30 Closing Eucharist of the Congress. Send off and closure of the Congress by the General Minister of the OFS and by the International Coordinator of YouFra.
Handover of the Icon to another National Fraternity . Free time
14.00 Lunch and greetings

Important: National Fraternities of both the OFS and YouFra should bring their national flags to the Congress. We would also appreciate each national Fraternity performs one of their traditional dances or similar for the Fraternal Evening Get Togethers.