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in honour of the Cardinal Eduardo  
Francisco Pironio's Beatification

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# Presentation

We invite all the dioceses of the country, parishes, institutions, movements, communities and communities of grace to prepare our hearts to celebrate the gift and joy of the beatification of Cardinal Eduardo Francisco Pironio during the three (3) days prior to the celebration that will take place at 11 am in the Basilica of Luján.



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# Introduction

The Argentinean Church celebrates the gift of the Beatification of Cardinal Eduardo Francisco Pironio, who knew how to witness his full identification with Jesus, his love for the Virgin Mary, his fidelity to the Church and his service to the holy and faithful people in our country and in the world. On this Advent journey and in expectation of the God who is coming, we celebrate with Mary, the life and virtues of the Cardinal.



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Day 1

## We meditate on the person of the Cardinal

**Guide** -Argentine Cardinal Eduardo Pironio was born on December 3, 1920 in Nueve de Julio, Buenos Aires and died at the age of 77 on February 5, 1998 in Rome. His remains rest in the Basilica of Our Lady of Luján, where he requested to be buried. He was the youngest son of Giuseppe Pironio and Enrichetta Buttazzoni. They were a large family (22 children) and deeply Catholic...



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... His mother received graces from the Virgin of Luján, to her mediation we owe her miraculous healing, which allowed her to give birth to Eduardo. This event led to a deep devotion to Mary. His father Giuseppe died of appendicitis when he was only eight years old. When he was only 11 years old, he entered the San José de La Plata seminary on 14 March 1932...



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... His ordination to the priesthood took place in the Basilica of Our Lady of Luján on 5 December 1943, and he was consecrated bishop there on 31 May 1964, with the title of Ceciri and Auxiliary Bishop of La Plata. He was finally created a cardinal by St. Paul VI in the consistory of 24 May 1976 with the title of Saints Cosmas and Damian. He served the Argentinean, Latin American and Universal Church in various tasks that were counted on him...



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**We prepare ourselves to listen to the Word,  
which illuminated his life and illumines  
ours:**

**Reader:** From the Letter of St. Paul to the  
Romans 12,12

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation and  
persevering in prayer.*



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## We meditate for a few minutes in silence

**Guide** - A friend of God and of people, Father Eduardo lived his faith with joy and hope through contemplation and active prayer, hand in hand with Mary, whom he loved with fervour, and taught us to love the Church and people ...



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... In the words of Father Eduardo, let us set our sights on her on the way to Advent and in preparation for the beatification of the Cardinal: "Mary is happy because God loves her, reveals his plan of salvation to her and she gives herself out of love to a God for whom nothing is impossible (cf. Lk 1:37)"...



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... "Mary is the woman of the simple, of the everyday, of humble and contemplative prayer: "Mary, for her part, kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2:19). Only contemplatives are capable of receiving the faith in its depths and communicating it transparently and effectively. The new evangelisation demands contemplative men and women".

(Cardinal Pironio: *The Joy of Faith*) ...



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## Let us ask through his intercession

Through the intercession of the Blessed, we request you Lord

– That we may, like Mary, receive the Saviour with joy.  
Let us pray

– That in silence and prayer we may become deeply united with Jesus. Let us pray

– May our union with Christ move us to communicate the faith and to live it each day and every day. Let us pray

– In the silence of our hearts or in community we place our intentions.



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**We pray:** Our Father. Hail Mary and Glory Be.  
Blessed Eduardo Pironio - Pray for us. –



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# Day 2

## We meditate on the person of the Cardinal

**Guide:** Cardinal Eduardo Pironio, whose beatification we will celebrate, accompanied the laity as a priest, encouraging co-responsibility in the "Church, mystery of missionary communion". He was Assistant of the Catholic Action Youth of the diocese of Mercedes and, later, National Assistant of the Argentine Catholic Action. He served as Rector of the seminary of Buenos Aires and Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Catholic University of Argentina...



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... Appointed auxiliary bishop of Mar del Plata in 1964 by Pope Paul VI, Pironio's charism, thought and spiritual and pastoral strength spread throughout the continent and the world. He participated in the two final sessions of the Second Vatican Council and then, as secretary general and president of Celam, he helped to forge the physiognomy of the Latin American and Caribbean Church in the post-conciliar period...



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... He was auxiliary bishop in La Plata, diocesan administrator in Avellaneda, bishop of Mar del Plata. In 1975, St. Paul VI appointed him pro-prefect of the Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes and St. John Paul appointed him prefect of the laity. A tireless, committed, sensitive and generous disciple, Father Eduardo took up his service and nourished it with the closeness of Mary, our Lady of the Advent, his mother, and ours.



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**We prepare ourselves to listen to the Word,  
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**Reader:**

From the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans  
12,11

*With untiring solicitude and fervour of spirit,  
serve the Lord.*

Brief silence



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**Guide:** Her total and joyful availability: "I am the handmaid of the Lord". The mystery of Mary begins in this way: in a radical and generous surrender to God's plan (in the incarnation of the Son of God, in the mystery of his paschal cross, in fidelity to the Spirit of Pentecost). "Mary went forward on the pilgrimage of faith" (LG, 58). Cardinal Pironio *The joy of faith*.



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## Let us ask through his intercession

Through the intercession of the Blessed, we request you Lord

- That following Mary's example we may know how to respond to the Lord's call. Let us pray
- May our fidelity and love for God be seen in our service to our brothers and sisters, especially those who suffer and hope. Let us pray
  - In the silence of our hearts or in community we make our intentions...



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Day 3

## We meditate on the person of the Cardinal

From the hand of Card. Pironio the World Youth Days (WYD) were born, commissioned by St. John Paul II. It was the first to be held outside Rome.

He also played an important role in the Synod of the Laity in 1987, and later became one of the main preachers of the post-synodal exhortation *Christifideles laici*, giving conferences around the world on the Church as a "sacrament of missionary communion", with particular emphasis on the role of the laity. A theme that is certainly becoming topical in the current Synod process of synodality.



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**Let us prepare ourselves to listen to the Word, which illuminated his life and illumines ours**

**Reader:** From the Gospel of John 3:16

*Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not die but have eternal life*

Brief silence



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**Guide:** Driven by his love for God and the Church, the Cardinal, like Mary at the wedding feast of Cana "Do whatever he tells you" Jn 2-5, invites us to look at reality, to be close to the concerns of the people and to show Jesus as the way of salvation. Thus helping us to discover a new path that strengthens our evangelising action and responds to the present day of those who walk alongside us, thinking also of those who do not yet know the love of God.



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He reflected in "Latin America,  
Church of Easter"

"If we live the creative dynamism of Christian hope - which is not passive and idle waiting, but security and commitment, activity and firmness - the hour of the longed-for liberation will come for Latin America. But the hope of a few is not enough. It must be the hope of the Church. All Christians are required to be entirely faithful to the Sermon on the Mount....



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...That we live the Gospel Beatitudes to the full. So far we have learned and taught them; but we have not yet celebrated them in life. We are not truly poor, meek and merciful. We do not have a sincere hunger for justice. We have not loved God with all our souls, nor have we discovered Christ in our brothers and sisters. Therefore we have not tasted the cross, nor have we truly served men."



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## Let us ask through his intercession

Through the intercession of the Blessed, we request the Lord

- To be able to show the world the way that Jesus showed us by our lives as missionary disciples. Let us pray
- To be poor, meek, and merciful men and women who live the joy of the Kingdom among us. Let us pray
- To walk together making our church a place for everyone, everyone, everyone. Let us pray
- In the silence of our hearts or in community we place our intentions...



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