



**Words by Francisco Guarner at the opening Eucharist of the
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Father General, dear friends, thank you very much for being in Barcelona to participate in our X World Congress of Jesuit Alumni.

Thank you, Father General, for your presence with us in this Eucharist, which is why we are together here today in the Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, where Saint Ignatius of Loyola took his first steps and shared his first experiences with himself and with others. and encounters of his new life. May we know how to follow in their footsteps and be an example of reflection for all of us on our way forward.

Thank you, Father General, for accompanying us in our Congress, the former students feel accompanied and loved by the Society of Jesus.

Thanks to all of you for being here in Barcelona, in our beloved city and asking that with our differences and complementarities, we know how to listen to each other and share our lives and experiences with each other and that the values in the education that we have received move us in a united future.

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