



MESSAGE

By His All-Holiness  
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Youth for a United World International  
*Genfest 2018: Beyond All Borders*  
(Manila, July 6-8, 2018)

It is with particular joy that we greet all of you, the participants of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Genfest held in Manila, entitled “Beyond All Borders”, which has as its aim the opening of the young hearts and minds of tomorrow’s future generation.

Know that we commend your initiative and desire to gather together and share your blossoming ideas in order to surpass social and personal boundaries; for, it is only through a spirit of solidarity, respect and mutual understanding that these obstacles will be overcome and cease to be a cause for division and conflict among the people of our world. As you embark on this journey to address these issues and strive for worldwide unity and peaceful coexistence—always, of course, remaining united in your own noble aspirations and the bond of common action and witness, which certainly hold a promise for a better future—we encourage you to remain steadfast in the vision of this gathering and to remember as well as promote the message of the foundress of the Focolare Movement, the late Chiara Lubich. With prayer and goodwill as the “waterfall of God”, all things will be accomplished and transfigured!

With these words of wholehearted congratulation, we invoke upon all of you the infinite grace and mercy of Almighty God, and remain with much love.

At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018

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