Catholic Esperanto Movement
Internacia Katolika Unuiĝo Esperantista

Charism
- to answer Christ’s call
  “Go out to the whole world and proclaim the gospel to all creation”
- to pray and to work in order “that all might be one”
- to give witness to the unity of the church by using the international language Esperanto in the liturgy and in pastoral activities
- to contribute to understanding, brotherhood and peace among all people

Activities
Pastoral Initiatives and Prayer
IKUE organizes masses in Esperanto during Esperanto meetings (large annual worldwide conventions, conferences of specific associations, or simple weekends). It also organizes each year its own week-long international convention. Associations and local groups of Catholic Esperantists also offer meetings (bible weekends, youth camps, etc.) with the Liturgy of the Hours, rosaries, lectures, pilgrimages, and so forth.

Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue
The diversity of the Esperanto-speaking world and the brotherhood found in it help nurture interreligious meetings. Since 1968 the Protestant and the Catholic Esperanto associations organize their international conventions together every second year. The most important book of prayer and religious song in Esperanto, Adoru, was produced in collaboration with Christians of the entire world.

Charitable Actions and Service
IKUE supports missions (orphanages, schools, churches, wells, microeconomic projects) in several nations of Africa (Benin, Burundi, Congo, Rwanda, and Togo), as well as in Madagascar.

Information and Publishing
Priests and lay people have worked to produce the complete Catholic Bible in Esperanto, the Sunday missal, encyclicals, and books of song and of prayer. In on-going projects, the magazine of IKUE, Espero Katolika (4 issues per year), as well as the broadcasts in Esperanto of Vatican Radio spread the church’s teaching and serve as means of communication among Catholic Esperantists.
Patron Saints

Our Lady of Hope

Saint Pius X
Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Blessed Titus Brandsma

A Few Dates
- 1902 first association of Catholic Esperantists, in Tours, France
- 1903 first issue of the magazine Espero Katolika
- 1910 foundation of IKUE and first international convention
- 1926 first edition of the Bible (without the deuterocanonical books)
- 1950 22nd convention of IKUE, in Rome, after an interruption of 11 years
- 1977 first broadcasts in Esperanto on Vatican Radio
- 1990 decrees of the Congregation for the divine cult and the discipline of the sacraments on masses and the Sunday missal in Esperanto
- 1992 canonical recognition of IKUE (Pontifical Council for the Laity)
- 1994 first Urbi et Orbi greeting in Esperanto
- 2001 publication of Adoru, 1400 pages of Christian songs from all countries
- 2002 publication of the deuterocanonical books

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Web Sites
http://www.ikue.org/ - site of IKUE
http://www.ikue.org/landaj.html - correspondents of IKUE in 35 countries
http://www.esperokatolika.org - archives of the magazine Espero Katolika
http://www.oecumene.radiovaticana.org/esp/index.asp - Vatican Radio in E-o
http://www.geocities.com/cigneto/ - Christian songs from around the world

Vatican Radio broadcast three programs each week in Esperanto:
- Sunday and solemnities: news of the church and the world
- Wednesday: report on the general audience of the Pope
- Thursday: spiritual and cultural magazine