



To all Basques in the Americas and to all those around the world who would like to join in A Light for Those Who Came Before

September 8th is the day chosen to celebrate, all across the world, the brotherhood and mutual recognition of all Basques who live in every part of this planet.

The **Arantzazu Euzko Etxea of Lima** would like to **make a proposal** to share some time as a family and as a community to remember the loved ones who came before us and who were able to maintain their Basque essence in the places they moved to, making it a fundamental part of our national heritage:

1. For **the Basques throughout the Americas** to join together with family and friends, in our Basque centers or homes, to remember and celebrate the deep and glorious heritage that unites all us Basques around the world as brothers and sisters.
2. **To remember those who came before us on the centuries-long road that the Basque Nation has walked, all over the world, without losing its connection to its Homeland.**
3. **So we ask every Basque Center to light a candle.** In our ancient traditions, candles served as a link to help connect us with those who came before. Today, it is a good way to remember and pay homage to them. We can spread this homage even further if we share an image of our candles on social media.

This way, we can have thousands and thousands of fellow countrymen around the world, on the same day, paying homage to our history, strengthening our present, and preparing our future.



**“Because they were, we are; because we are, they will be.”
The chain will not break!**

Happy Day of the Diaspora!

*“Basques, in their adopted land, must be the best citizens of all”
“The Basque Centers of the world are the representation of our Country”*

José Antonio de Aguirre. Lehendakari

