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ON THE PATH TOWARDS THE 2025 JUBILEE

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What is the Jubilee ?



The Jubilee has always been an event of the people.

In fact, the first Holy Year of 1300 was born at the request of the People of God. In a climate of change of century, the faithful of Rome asked Pope Boniface VIII for "a pardon of sins which would be not only more abundant, but complete" as we read in the Bull of Indiction.

Among the ancient Hebrews, the Jubilee (called the year of the yōbēl, "of the goat" because the holiday was announced by the sound of a goat's horn) was a year proclaimed holy. At that time, the Mosaic law prescribed that the land, of which God was the sole master, would return to its former owner and that slaves would receive back their freedom. It usually would fall every 50 years.

In the Christian era, after the first Jubilee, the recurrence for the jubilee celebration was set by Boniface VIII to be every 100 years. In 1342, following a petition from the Romans to Pope Clement VI, the period was reduced to 50 years. Subsequently, Pope Paul II, in the mid-15th century, reduced the inter-jubilee period to 25 years.



The Jubilee consists of concrete gestures.

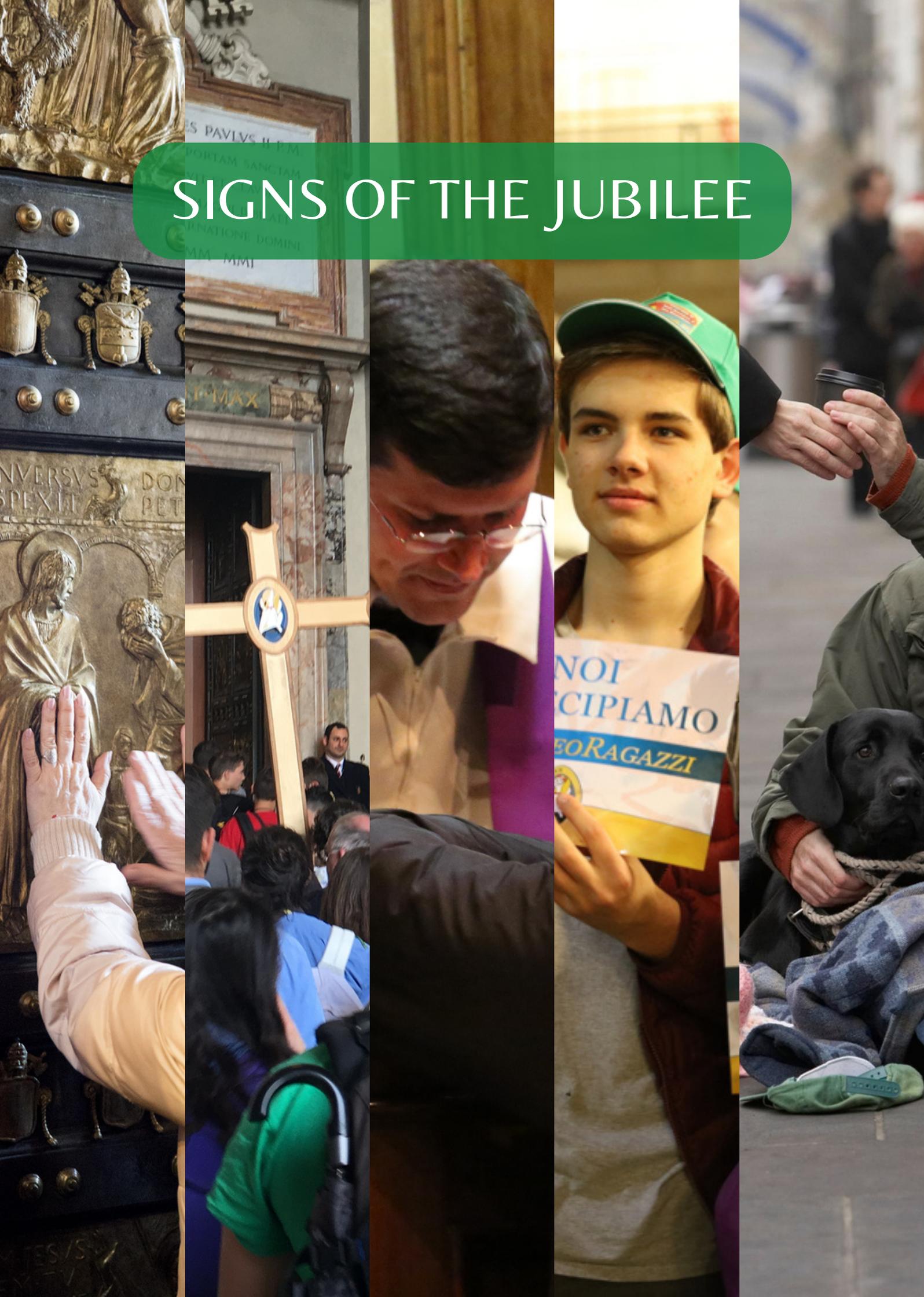
The most emblematic and evocative one is the opening of the Holy Door. Pilgrims go there on pilgrimage, kiss it with devotion, and kneel at the door in prayer. In pilgrimages is found a concrete journey, during which the pilgrim toils and meets companions on the road.

In a pilgrimage, one finds the concreteness of the sacraments: reconciliation with God in confession - the Eucharist. There is the concreteness of the works of penance, fasting and charity. Pilgrimage is the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus that opens wide our own stories and shows that he is present among us: a concrete hope that can be touched.

The Jubilee did not come about as the intuition of Popes, pastors, or theologians. It is the fruit of the faith of the People of God. It is the most popular event in the life of the Church: a time of pilgrimage to the tombs of the Apostles, the experience of the Holy Door, the time of conversion, of a special closeness to the sacraments.



SIGNS OF THE JUBILEE





PILGRIMAGE

The Jubilee calls us to set out and overcome boundaries. When we travel, we not only change location, but also ourselves. The word “pilgrimage” comes from the Latin “per ager”, which means “through the fields”, or “per eger”, which means “border crossing”.

Both roots point to the distinctive aspect of embarking on a journey. In the Bible, Abraham is described as a person on a journey: “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house” (Gen. 12:1). With these words Abraham begins his adventure, which ends in the Promised Land, where he is remembered as a “wandering Aramean” (Deut. 26:5). Jesus’ worldly ministry is also seen as a journey from Galilee to the Holy City: “When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51). Christ calls His disciples to walk this road, and even today Christians are those who follow him and set out after Him.

As a matter of fact, the journey is progressively constructed: there are various routes to choose from, places to discover; the situations, catecheses, rites and liturgies, and traveling companions allow one to be enriched with new matters and perspectives.

Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to orient it toward God's holiness.



THE HOLY DOOR

The Holy Door is one of the most characteristic signs of the Jubilee. Its opening by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the bishop of Rome. To allow the numerous pilgrims to walk through the door, the other Roman Basilicas also offered this option.

In crossing this threshold, the pilgrim is reminded of the text from chapter 10 of the Gospel according to John: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. After all, the door is also a passageway that ushers one into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, it is not only the space of the sacred, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and clothing, but it is a sign of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is the place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace that awaits the visit of every pilgrim, the space of the Church as a community of the faithful.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

The profession of faith is a sign by which the baptized recognize their own identity; it expresses the central content of their faith and summarizes the main truths that a believer accepts and testifies to on the day of their baptism.

There are various professions of faith, which shows the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: the baptismal creed of the church of Rome and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan creed, originally formulated in 325 at the Council of Nicaea, in present-day Turkey, and then refined at the Council of Constantinople in 381. “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved” (Rom. 10:9-10).

This passage from St. Paul emphasizes how proclaiming the mystery of faith requires a deep conversion not only in one's words, but especially of one's understanding of God, oneself and the world.



CHARITY

Charity is a principal characteristic of the Christian life. No one can think that pilgrimage and the celebration of the indulgence of the Jubilee can be reduced to a form of magical ritual, without knowing that it is a life of charity that gives them ultimate meaning.

Furthermore, charity is the preeminent sign of the Christian faith and its specific form of credibility. In the context of the Jubilee, the apostle Peter's invitation cannot be forgotten: "Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8).

According to John the evangelist, love toward one's neighbor, which comes not from man but from God, will ensure that true disciples of Christ will be recognized in the future. It is apparent, therefore, that no believer can claim to believe if they do not then love, and conversely, they cannot say they love if they do not believe.

Paul the apostle also reiterates that faith and love make up the identity of the Christian; love is what begets perfection (see Col. 3:14), faith what enables love to be such.

Charity, therefore, has its special place in the life of faith; moreover, in light of the Holy Year, Christian witness must be reaffirmed as a more expressive form of conversion.



JUBILEE RECONCILIATION AND INDULGENCE

Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a “favorable time” (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:2) for conversion. We are called to put God at the center of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Concretely, reconciliation is about experiencing the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and personally receiving God's word of forgiveness. There are some Jubilee churches that continuously offer the possibility for Reconciliation. Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which surpasses and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This gift of grace came about by Jesus' saving mission. Seeing the witnesses of Jesus and the saints and living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened. Concretely, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual actions, as Pope Francis has recommended to the faithful. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nevertheless invited to take part in the spiritual journey that accompanies this Jubilee year.

Among the conditions for receiving the indulgence is praying for the Pope's intentions.

THE MOTTO

«PEREGRINANTES IN SPEM»

Pope Francis wrote: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope".

The motto evokes the notion of the movement of a Church that walks in pilgrimage to the light of hope that makes the future possible. Daily and international experiences would seem to stifle the possibility of a future. The Jubilee with its focus on conversion, forgiveness, abundance, walk, and mercy, becomes a possibility for the future itself.



Hope is the light that brightens the future, but not in a naively optimistic sense. We know it: hope is Jesus Christ dead and risen. The prophet Isaiah repeatedly mentions the family of men and women, sons and daughters, that return from being scattered to being gathered in the light of the Word of God: “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth” (Isa. 9:1). The light is that of the Son made Man, Jesus, who with the very Word, gathers every people and every nation.

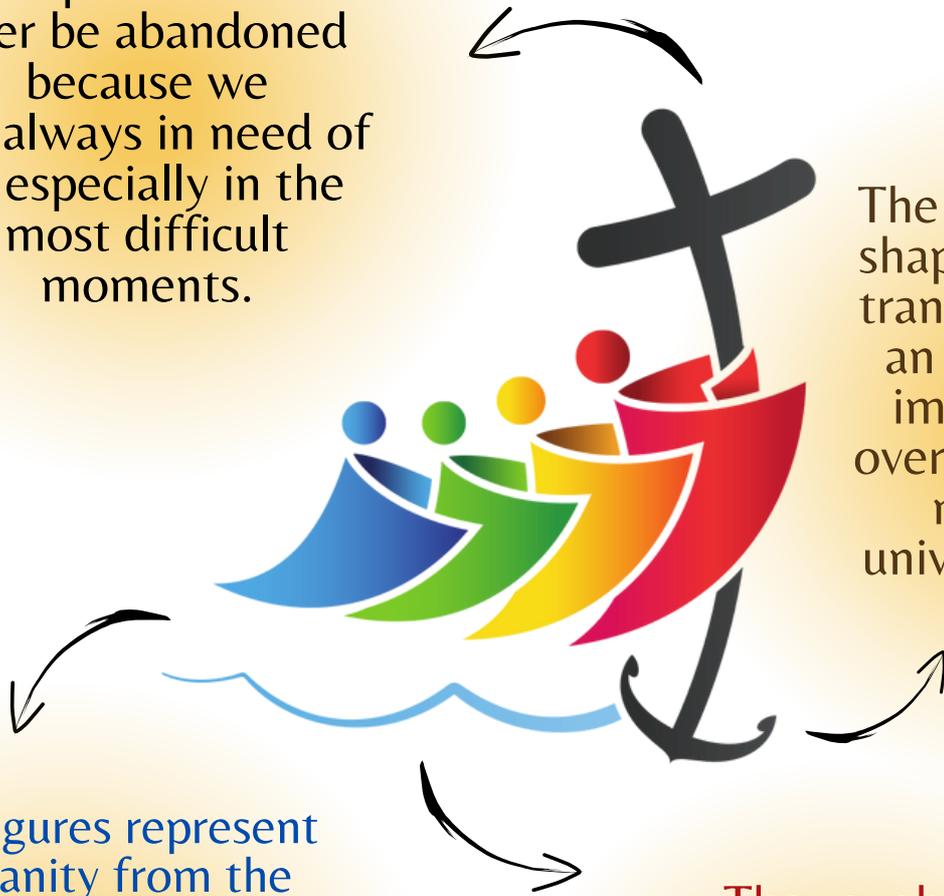
It is the living flame of Jesus that moves us through the path: “Arise, shine out, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen on you” (Isaiah 60:1).

The Christian hope is dynamic and illuminates the pilgrimage of life, demonstrating the face of those brothers and sisters who are companions on the journey. It is not like a lone wolf wandering, but a journey as a people, confident and rejoicing, that moves toward a new destination. The breath of the Spirit of life does not fail to brighten the dawn of the future that is about to break. The heavenly Father observes with patience and tenderness, the pilgrimage of his children and opens wide for them the Way, pointing to Jesus, his Son, which becomes a space for everyone to walk. Therefore, the Jubilee is an event for all of the Holy People of God, who are in a journey - a pilgrimage illuminated by Christ, their only hope.

THE JUBILEE LOGO

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.



The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

The logo shows how the way of the pilgrimage is not an individual effort, but rather collective, with the impression of a growing dynamism that tends more and more to the cross.

THE HYMN

"Pilgrims of Hope"

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son. **Rit.**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free. **Rit.**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him. **Rit.**



THE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.

To you God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Franciscus



THE COUNCIL NOTEBOOKS

Series in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee



Pope Francis has asked that the two years of preparation for the Jubilee be dedicated, the first to rediscovering the teachings of the Council, and the second to prayer. In this regard, very agile handbooks titled "Council Notebooks" have been designed and prepared, written in simple and accessible language with the aim of supporting a path of rediscovery of the central contents of the Second Vatican Council, at the service of catechetical pathways, clergy gatherings, and in workshops organized for this year.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

2024

—— in preparation for the Jubilee ——

After the year dedicated to the reflection and study of the documents and fruits of the Second Vatican Council, the Year of Prayer will be on 2024, as proposed by Pope Francis. In preparation for the Jubilee, the Dioceses are invited to promote the importance of individual and communal prayer. For this, “pilgrimages of prayer” could be proposed leading up to the Holy Year: pathways of prayer with monthly or weekly stages presided over by the Bishops, in which the whole people of God is involved.

In addition, in order to live this year to the fullest, the Dicastery will publish a series titled “Prayer Reflections”, in order to place a deep relationship with the Lord back at the centre, through the many forms of prayer that have been contemplated in the rich Catholic tradition



In-depth series for the year dedicated to Prayer

“Prayer Reflections”

Preface by Pope Francis

- 1. Prayer Today:
A Challenge to Overcome**
Angelo Comastri
 - 2. Praying with the Psalms**
Gianfranco Ravasi
 - 3. The Prayer of Jesus**
Juan Lopez Vergara
 - 4. Praying with Saints and Sinners***
Paul Brendan Murray
 - 5. Parables on Prayer**
Antonio Pitta
 - 6. The Church in prayer**
by a monk
 - 7. The Prayer of Mary and the Saints**
Catherine Aubin
 - 8. The prayer Jesus taught us:
the “Our Father”**
Ugo Vanni
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JUBILEE 2025

General Calendar

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DECEMBER 2024

24 December

Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



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JANUARY 2025

24-26 January

Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February

Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

16-18 February

Jubilee of Artists

21-23 February

Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March

24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-6 April

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April

Jubilee of Teenagers

28-30 April

Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May

Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May

Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May

Jubilee of Musical Bands

16-18 May

Jubilee of Confraternities



24-25 May

Jubilee of Children

30 May - 1 June

Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly



SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September

Jubilee of Consolation

20 September

Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September

Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

5 October

Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

18-19 October

Jubilee of the Missions

30 October - 2 November

Jubilee of the World of Education



JUNE 2025

7-8 June

Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June

Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June

Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June

Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June

Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June

Jubilee of Bishops

26-27 June

Jubilee of Priests

28 June

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August

Jubilee of Youth

NOVEMBER 2025

16 November

Jubilee of the Poor

21-23 November

Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December

Jubilee of Prisoners

THE PILGRIM'S CARD



The Pilgrim's Card is a free digital card that is needed to participate in the Jubilee events. Every pilgrim will be able to acquire it by registering on the online portal or through the Jubilee app: "Iubilaeum25". With the Card, you can book your place for events and for the pilgrimage to the Holy Door.

You will also be able to acquire the version of the Pilgrim's Card with Services, which will allow you to take advantage of conventions and discounts for transportation, lodging, refreshments, and museums.

Each Card will have a QR Code generated at the time of registration that will be used to authenticate oneself when entering event venues and the Holy Doors. In the case of the Service Card, it can also be used to access discounts.



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"Per il Giubileo mi aspetto entusiasmo dai giovani, com'è successo a Lisbona"

in evidence

19 October 2023

Delpini: "I expect enthusiasm from the young people, just like we saw in Lisbon"

17 October 2023
Monsignor Sequeri: "A hymn which is the synthesis of the faith which animates the Jubilee."

18 October 2023
Now available: new video with the words of the Jubilee hymn in English and French

13 October 2023
Less than a month until the 2nd International Meeting of Rectors and Sanctuary workers.

11 October 2023
288,129 visitors attended the El Greco Exhibition in Sant'Agnese in Agone

Jubilee Events Calendar

- 24 December 2024
Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica
- 24 January 2025
Jubilee of the World of Communications
- 08 February 2025
Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

[Discover the calendar](#)

The Jubilee

Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica

The Holy Door of Saint Peter is only opened by the Pope during a jubilee, and it is usually the first door to be opened to indicate the beginning of the Holy Year. This rite was first reported to happen at Saint Peter's Basilica in 1500 during the papacy of Alexander VI. At present, the wall sealing the door is dismantled a few days in the days leading up to its opening. During this time, a case, which has been bricked over since the end of the previous Holy Year, is freed, and inside it contains the key which allows the door to be opened.



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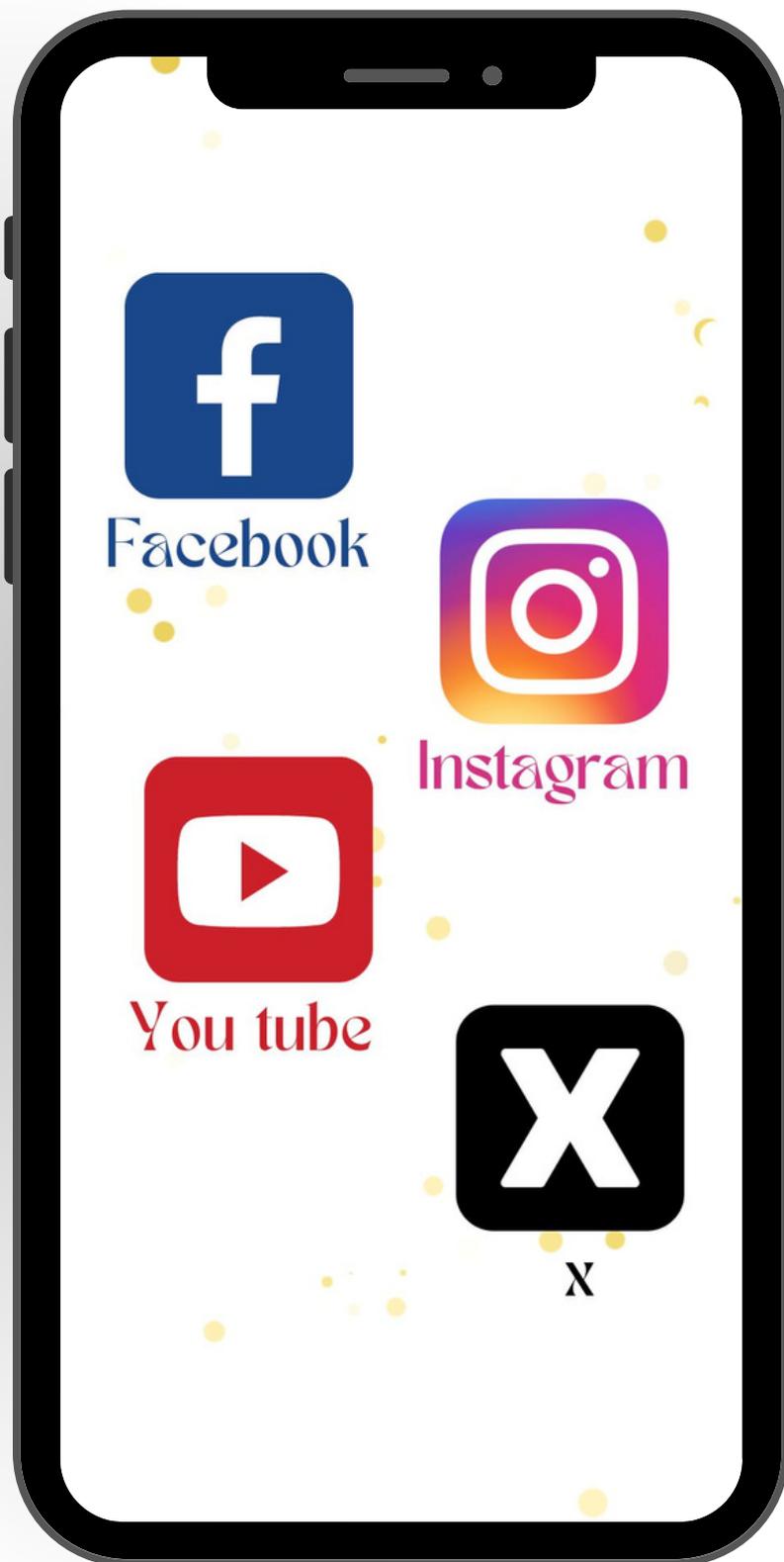
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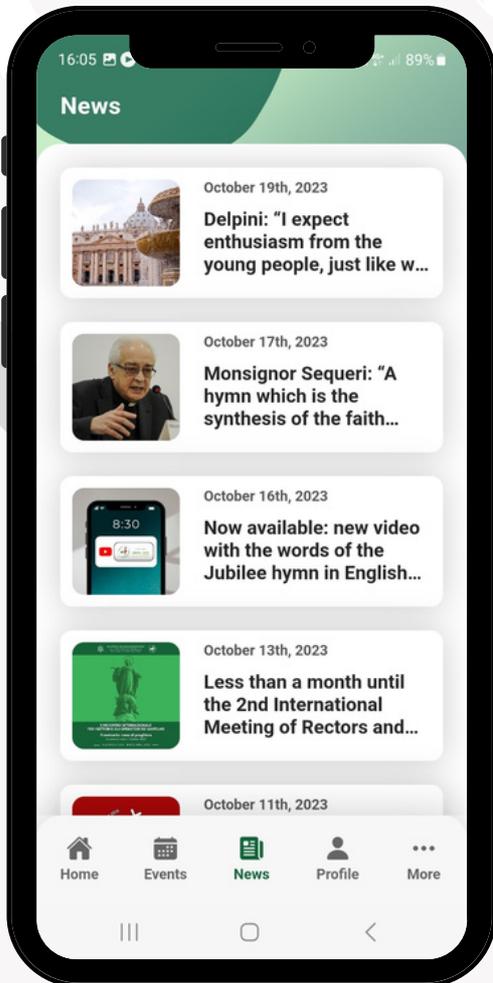
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