



IRISH CATHOLIC
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Jubilee of Youth

Irish Pilgrims Programme 2025

#Hope #Dóchas



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Diocesan & Youth Leaders Guide

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
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 tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.



THE JUBILEE LOGO

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope.

That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

WHAT IS A JUBILEE?



The name “Jubilee” comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the **yobel**, the ram's horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). This Jewish holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn't easy to organise, it was intended to be marked as a time to **re-establish a proper relationship with God**, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years.

In 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an ‘extraordinary’ jubilee. The way in which Jubilee Years are marked has also changed through the centuries: originally the Holy Year consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the **Holy Door**. By participating in the Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence.





THE IRISH PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

A Jubilee Year is an exciting time of grace, renewal, and encounter. For Irish pilgrims, the Youth Jubilee in Rome offers a unique opportunity to walk together in faith, to be inspired by the universal Church, and to reflect deeply on the theme of HOPE.

An **exciting programme** of events has been prepared especially for Irish pilgrims, including:

- Catechesis and testimony from dynamic speakers
- Daily Mass in the centre of Rome
- A powerful Way of the Cross through the streets of Rome
- Opportunities for prayer, reconciliation, and personal reflection
- Joyful moments of fellowship, music, and celebration with other young people from across Ireland

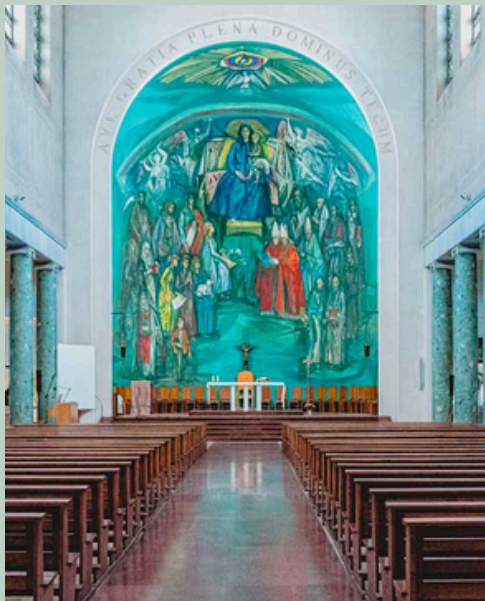
We are honoured to welcome inspiring speakers such as **Bishop Robert Barron, Sr Mary Grace, and Bishop Alan McGuckian**, who will guide our catechesis sessions on this journey of faith and hope.





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SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

GROUP REFLECTION SESSIONS

- Host at least one or two pre-trip gatherings exploring the theme of **HOPE**. Watch the Youth Jubilee video & reflect on the participants hopes and aspirations for the pilgrimage as well the question: ***“As a young person of faith in Ireland today, what gives you hope?”***
- Brief your group on the meaning of a Jubilee Year in the Church and the significance of pilgrimage.

PRAYER COMMITMENTS

Invite each pilgrim to begin a new 'Jubilee prayer habit' to prepare for pilgrimage (e.g., journaling, scripture reading, morning prayer).

RECONCILIATION & MASS

- Arrange for your group to attend confession and Mass together in the parish before departure.
- 'Present' the group at Mass to parishioners and ask parishioners to pray for the success of their pilgrimage.

INTENTION LIST

Invite participants to collect intentions from friends, family, or parish communities to bring them in prayer on pilgrimage.



CATECHETICAL RESOURCE VIDEOS

www.youtube.com/@pontificalirishcollege

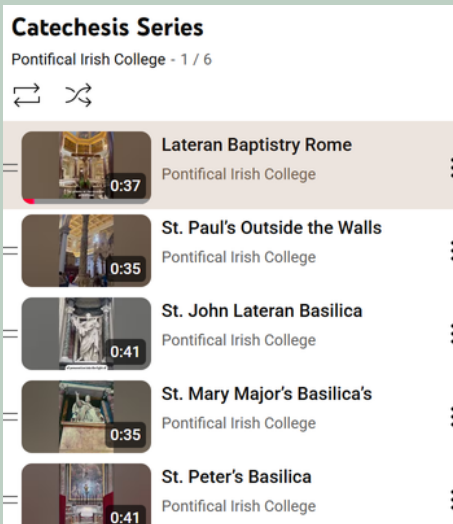
A special **Jubilee of Youth video for Irish pilgrims** has been created, outlining our pilgrimage programme and inviting reflection on the central question:

"What gives you hope?"

We invite you to watch it together with your group, take time to reflect on the message, and encourage conversation on this powerful question.



Jubilee of Youth - Irish Pilgrim Video 2025



A **series of catechetical reels** has been produced, highlighting the four Papal Basilicas of Rome along with the Baptistry of St. John Lateran.

We invite you to watch them together with your group and discuss the theological & historical significance of each site in preparation for your pilgrimage.

Below is a series of suggestions to guide your reflection and discussions.



CATECHETICAL REFLECTION GUIDE

ST. PETER'S BASILICA

"Before you were not a people, but now you are God's People" (1 Peter 2:10)

Reflection

As we prepare to visit St. Peter's Basilica, how can this place help us feel the reality of being part of God's people?

→ Encourage anticipation of awe, unity with the global Church, and reverence for sacred tradition.

ST. MARY MAJOR

"Our God took flesh through the 'Yes' of Mary."

Reflection

What moments in your life have called for a 'Yes' to God, even if it was hard?

→ Encourage personal sharing on moments of faith, surrender, or obedience.

ST. JOHN LATERAN

"The Church is not bound by time or empire, but rooted in Christ."

Reflection

How does the global Church show unity without uniformity?

→ Discuss how diverse cultures, languages, and customs all express one faith through the universal Church.

ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS

"There is neither slave, nor free, all are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

Reflection

What does it mean to be 'one in Christ Jesus'?

→ Explore how baptism unites all believers into one Body, despite differences in background or status.



THE HOLY DOORS

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the **official beginning** of the Holy Year.

In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from St John's gospel: **"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.

For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim, the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.

In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the universal Church.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025



PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY DOORS



PRAYERS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

In Piazza Pia, the pilgrimage leader introduces the celebration:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All answer:
Amen.

Leader:
May the God of Hope,
Who in the Word made Flesh
Fills us with every joy and peace in our faith,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
be among us.

All answer:
Blessed be the Lord, our hope.

Scripture Reading:
A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS. 5,1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

After the reading, a brief silence is observed.

Leader:
Let us set out in the name of Christ:
The way who leads to the Father,
The truth who makes us free,
The life who renews The world.

The pilgrimage to the Holy Door begins carrying the Jubilee cross.

PSALM 122 (121)

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city
which is bound firmly together,
to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!"
For my brethren and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord
our God,
I will seek your good.

PSALM 83 (84)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, mighty God!

My soul yearns and pines
for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh
cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest

in which she puts her young—
Your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my king and my God!

Blessed they who dwell in your house!
continually they praise you.
Blessed the one who finds his refuge in you
And has your ways in his heart

Passing through the valley of tears
These are turned into fresh springs
Even the first rain
Adorns him in blessings

His strength grows along the path
Until he stands before God in Sion

Lord God of hosts, listen to my prayer,
Listen to me God of Jacob

O God, behold our shield,
and look upon the face of your anointed.

I had rather live one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I had rather lie at the threshold of the house
of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is my light and my shield.
The Lord grants grace and glory
He does not refuse good things
To those who walk in the paths of integrity

Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who takes
refuge in you.

Approaching the Church of S. Maria in Traspontina, a brief reflection takes place:

"Hope finds its supreme witness in the *Mother of God*. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life ... At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God... In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope ... amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust." (*Spes non confundit*, 24)

3 Hail Marys



PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY DOORS

The Litany of the Saints is recited or sung.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**
 Saint Michael, **pray for us.**
 Holy Angels of God, **pray for us.**
 St. John the Baptist, **pray for us.**
 Saint Joseph, **pray for us.**
 Saints Peter and Paul, **pray for us.**
 Saint Andrew, **pray for us.**
 Saint John, **pray for us.**
 Holy Apostles and Evangelists, **pray for us.**
 Saint Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.**
 Holy disciples of the Lord, **pray for us.**
 Saint Stephen, **pray for us.**
 Saint Ignatius Of Antioch, **pray for us.**
 Saint Lawrence, **pray for us.**
 Saints Perpetua and Felicity, **pray for us.**
 Saint Agnes, **pray for us.**
 Holy Martyrs Of Christ, **pray for us.**
 Saint Gregory, **pray for us.**
 Saint Augustine, **pray for us.**
 Saint Martin, **pray for us.**
 Saints Cyril And Methodius, **pray for us.**
 Saint Benedict, **pray for us.**
 Saint Francis, **pray for us.**
 Saint Dominic, **pray for us.**
 Saint Francis [Xavier], **pray for us.**
 Saint Philip Neri, **pray for us.**
 Saint John [Vianney], **pray for us.**
 Saint Catherine [of Siena], **pray for us.**
 Saint Teresa [of Avila], **pray for us.**
 St. Frances Cabrini, **pray for us.**
 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, **pray for us.**
 Saint Faustina Kowalska, **pray for us.**

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, **pray for us.**
 Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, **pray for us.**
 Saint Paul VI, **pray for us.**
 Saint John Paul II, **pray for us.**
 All Saints Of God, **pray for us.**

Through your mercy, Lord, **save your people.**
 From all that is evil, Lord, **save your people.**
 From all sin, Lord, **save your people.**
 From eternal death, Lord, **save your people.**
 Through your incarnation, Lord, **save your people.**
 Through your death and resurrection, Lord, **save your people.**
 Through the gift of the Holy Spirit Lord, **save your people.**

For sinners, **Lord graciously hear us.**
 Comfort and enlighten your Holy Church, **Lord graciously hear us.**
 Protect the Pope, the bishops and priests and all ministers of the Gospel, **Lord graciously hear us**
 Send new laborers into the harvest, **Lord graciously hear us**
 Grant justice and peace to the world, **Lord graciously hear us.**
 Come to the aid of all who are suffering or in pain, **Lord graciously hear us.**
 Protect and confirm in your holy service all those who are consecrated to you, **Lord graciously hear us.**

Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our prayer.
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During the pilgrimage psalms can be sung. Taking into account the time it may take to reach the Holy Door, some decades of the Rosary may also be recited.

When the Holy Door is reached the following psalm is recited:

PSALM 23 (24)

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness;
 the world and those who dwell in it.
 For he founded it upon the seas
 and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
 or who may stand in his holy place?
 He whose hands are sinless,
 whose heart is clean,
 who desires not what is vain.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
 a reward from God his savior.
 Such is the race that seeks him,

that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
 reach up, you ancient portals,
 that the king of glory may come in!
 Who is this king of glory?
 The Lord, strong and mighty,
 the Lord, mighty in battle.

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 Who is this king of glory?
 The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory.

After entering the Basilica, the following prayers are recited for the intentions of the Holy Father:

Our Father
3 Hail Marys
Glory be to the Father

On arrival at the Tomb of the Apostle Peter, the Profession of Faith is made:

I believe in one God

If the one presiding is an ordained minister, the pilgrimage concludes with a blessing.

If the person presiding is a layperson, the following is said:

Let us bless the Lord

All answer:

Thanks be to God.



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PRACTICAL PREPARATION

Valid Passport

- Ensure all passports are valid for at least 6 months beyond the travel dates.

Health Insurance / EHIC Card

- Make sure all participants have a European Health Insurance Card and any required medical documentation.

Emergency Contact Info Sheet

- Collect and distribute emergency numbers, group leader info, and embassy contacts.

Pack Light & Smart

- Essentials: walking shoes, modest clothing for churches, reusable water bottle, power adapter, sun cream.

Group Identity Items

- Consider custom t-shirts, lanyards, or badges for safety and unity.

WhatsApp Group

- Set up a digital communication plan for coordination during the trip.



JUBILEE OF YOUTH

28 july - 3 august 2025

Monday 28 July

h 9:00-21:00 Arrival and settling in

Tuesday 29 July

h 18:00 Mass of Welcome to the Church of Rome
in St. Peter's Square

Wed 30-Thurs 31 July

h 10:30-18:00 In dialogue with the city: cultural, artistic,
and spiritual activities taking place
throughout the city

Friday 1 August

h 10:30-18:00 Penitential day at the Circus Maximus
with the option of receiving the Sacrament
of Reconciliation

Saturday 2 August

h 15:00-20:00 Entertainment, music, and testimonies

h 20:30-21:30 Vigil with the Holy Father in Tor Vergata

Sunday 3 August

h 9:30 Mass presided over by the Holy Father
at Tor Vergata

Registration deadline
31 March 2025

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