

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
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YEAR OF JUBILEE



The celebrated jubilee theme for March is, "Journey of Renewal: An expression of faith." Consider using the season of Lent to find ways to rejuvenate your relationship with Christ.

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

A few months ago Pope Francis opened the door to our Jubilee Journey of Hope, offering us a chance to evaluate our relationship with God, reflect, renounce and renew our hearts to align with the heart of Christ. Now, as Lent begins, ask yourself: Are you where you need to be regarding your relationship with God? Are you comfortable and at peace with yourself and God? If you are, continue to persevere, never stop growing, never stop seeking and never stop loving the God who loves you in ways that words cannot describe.

If you're struggling, use the season of Lent as a second chance to renew your relationship with God. Lent is a time for focusing on what matters, allowing the death and rising of Jesus to become central in our lives, waiting for God in prayer and turning our minds and hearts to these things individually and as a community. The challenge for us is to make space in the busyness and routine of our daily lives for reflection and a permanent renewal of the hope that Jesus gives us every day. May the Peace of Christ be with you always.

Deacon Paul Barko
Diocesan Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement



A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."

According to the Scriptures Psalms 51:12



24 HOURS FOR THE LORD



24 Hours for the Lord aims to restore the sacrament of reconciliation as a central element in the pastoral life of the church. Many parishes will be offering extra accessibility to confession on March 28-29.

ACT OF CONTRITION:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS

Key dates:

- **March 8-9** - [Jubilee of the World of Volunteering](#)
- **March 28** - [24 Hours for the Lord](#)
- **March 28-30** - [Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy](#)

HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

Jubilee vocab: Vatican - The place in Rome where the pope lives and works.



Hey kids! Get ready to celebrate the **Jubilee for the Missionaries of Mercy** in a fun and meaningful way— with a **Mercy Jar!** Here's how it works:

Every day in March, think of one kind act of mercy you can do—big or small—and write it on a strip of paper. Drop it into your **Mercy Jar** (or any fun container). Acts of mercy can be things like **sharing a toy, helping with chores, forgiving a friend or making someone smile**. As your jar fills up, you'll see how **small acts of kindness add up to something amazing!** By the end of the month, your jar will be overflowing with love and goodness. Let's spread kindness together—one act of mercy at a time! Luce is on this journey with you, filling her Mercy Jar and discovering the power of small acts of love. Let's see how much mercy we can share together!



St. Katherine Drexel is the patron saint of philanthropists and devoted her life and sizeable inheritance to charitable works.

Photo/Jim Davis, Florida Catholic

FAITHFUL FACTS!

Rome's pedestrian-friendly makeover for the Jubilee Year led to an exciting find—archaeologists uncovered ancient walls believed to have protected the Patriarchio, a monumental basilica envisaged by Emperor Constantine in the fourth century.

LIVING THE MISSION

What can you give up for penance during the Jubilee Year? Consider small sacrifices or habits that bring you closer to spiritual growth. How can you inspire others to stay committed to their Lenten journey and remain focused on their faith this year?

