

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
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YEAR OF JUBILEE



The Jubilee theme for April is: "Resurrection: The Joy of Life." The Resurrection teaches us to find joy even when all hope seems lost.
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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

*As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" invites us to reflect on our shared journey of faith, trust and renewal. Just as pilgrims walk with purpose, seeking deeper communion with the Lord, we too are called to journey with hearts filled with hope — a hope rooted in Christ's triumph over death, the hope that He is with us every step of the way. **This Jubilee offers us a special moment to pause, reflect and renew our commitment to the hope given to us through the Resurrection.***

Amid life's challenges and uncertainties, this hope sustains us. It is a hope that empowers us to persevere, to love and to serve, even when the road ahead seems long or difficult. This Jubilee year, let us allow the resurrection of Christ to fill our hearts with peace and confidence. May we continue to be pilgrims of hope, sharing the light of Christ's resurrection with the world around us, drawing nearer to the fullness of God's grace each day.

Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico

"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

According to the Scriptures John 11:25-26



PRAYER

PRAYER FOR RENEWED STRENGTH FROM THE USCCB:

O Lord, my God, Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life's changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS

Key dates:

- **April 5-6** - Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers
- **April 18** - Good Friday
- **April 20** - Easter Sunday
- **April 25-27** - Jubilee of Teenagers (Youth)
- **APRIL 28-29** - Jubilee of Persons with Disabilities

HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

Jubilee vocab: Pilgrim - Someone who travels to a special place for religious reasons. Many people are traveling to Rome during the Jubilee to visit the Vatican and other holy sites.



In honor of the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers, let's spread kindness and cheer with Luce!

Your mission is to **color a picture** or **write encouraging notes** for someone who is sick or someone who helps take care of sick people. You can create a beautiful picture with **bright colors** and **happy designs** or write a special note filled with **kind words** and **good wishes!**

Here are some ideas: **Color a picture** of a rainbow, flowers, or anything that will make someone smile! Or **write a note** saying, "You're doing amazing! Stay strong!" or "We hope you feel better soon! You're so special!"

When you're finished, you can give your artwork or note to someone in your family, or you could share it with a friend or a health care worker who would love to receive a little cheer! Let's show how much we care!



Saint Gianna Beretta Molla was a physician, pediatrician and mother of four. She is a pro-life model of maternal love.

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FAITHFUL FACTS!

If you can't make it to Rome this year for a plenary indulgence, there are many approved U.S. pilgrimage sites you can visit in the United States, including St. Peter Cathedral in Erie and St. Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway. [Read more / Diocese of Erie decree](#)

LIVING THE MISSION

This month we celebrate the Jubilee of Teenagers—a group known for their curiosity and profound questions about faith. What can their spiritual journeys teach us about the beauty of God's grace and the unfolding process of spiritual formation? Take this time to connect with a teen in your life, ask about their spiritual journey, and learn how they can show us the beauty of God's grace and spiritual growth.

