

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
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YEAR OF JUBILEE



Walking with youth through both the ordinary and the extraordinary moments of life is essential to their formation. This photo is from the Warren County Catholic Community at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Long Beach. (Photo/Jennifer Wortman)

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

Every September we honor those who lead all generations in forming and sharing faith, and those who witness their encounters with God. A catechist is a “Christian who receives a particular calling from God that, when accepted in faith, empowers him for the service of the transmission of faith and for the task of initiating others into the Christian life” (Directory for Catechesis, no. 112).

*Our first catechists are those who form us in our family. We then encounter many people throughout our lives who share and show Christ’s love. What a blessing to be catechized and what a privilege to be called to catechize. **It takes courage to open your heart, to be vulnerable and to share so others might meet Christ through you.** Catechesis allows all to experience Christ’s love by the witness of others in community.*

Our church is a place of hope where we are called to carry on the mission of the Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations. Join me this Jubilee Year in sharing Him with all you meet!

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But Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

~~~~~ *According to the Scriptures* Matthew 19:14



## 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:

- **September 15** - Jubilee of Consolation
- **September 20** - Jubilee of Justice
- **September 26-28** - Jubilee of Catechists

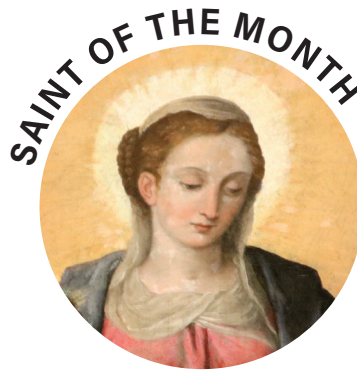
## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

**Jubilee vocab:** **Consolation** - Comfort that helps someone feel better when they are sad.

**Hey, Kids of Christ!** It's me, Luce Vatican! Jesus said we are the light of the world. To celebrate all three of our jubilees this month, let's play **'Shine the Light Relay.'**



Pass a flashlight or an unlit candle around in a circle with your friends or family. **Each time you pass it, say one way you can share Jesus' light** — like teaching someone about God, standing up for what's fair, or cheering up a sad friend. By the end, you'll see how many ways we can shine!



**Our Mother of Consolation** reminds the faithful that in times of sorrow and loss we are never forgotten or alone, recalling her comforting presence to Saint Monica and the gift of the cincture as a sign of her abiding protection.

## FAITHFUL FACTS!

Michelangelo's *Last Judgment* in the Sistine Chapel (painted 1536–1541) will undergo a rare three-month restoration starting in January of 2026, and wrapping up just before Holy Week. Scaffolding will allow restorers to carefully preserve the fresco, ensuring this dramatic vision of divine judgment continues to inspire reflection on life, justice and mercy for visitors and pilgrims alike.

## LIVING THE MISSION

Justice is part of our daily call as followers of Christ. We are invited to ask: **Where do I see unfairness, and how can I respond as a disciple of Jesus?** Sometimes injustice is obvious, like poverty or discrimination, but often it appears in small ways, such as gossip, favoritism or ignoring someone's needs. This month, choose one concrete act of justice: listen equally to family members, encourage someone overlooked, support a food pantry or stand up for someone. In small but faithful steps, we help plant the seeds of God's justice in the world.

