

# Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

*Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together*

Diocese of Erie  
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YEAR OF JUBILEE



For the Catholic Church's 59th World Communications Day in 2025, Pope Francis has selected the theme: *Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.* Pictured above: Stained glass representation of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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 enter the new year, may the Jubilee of the World of Communications inspire us to gently harness the power of communication in our mission to evangelize. Inspired by Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who communicated her faithful 'yes' to God's plan, we are called to share the message of hope that Christ brings.*

*Let us use our words and methods to communicate to build bridges, strengthen our community and pray for a renewed commitment to be bearers of hope in the world. As we journey together in this Jubilee Year, let us embrace the Year of Mission, becoming messengers of Christ in our world.*

Many blessings,

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**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.**

*According to the Scriptures* Romans 15:13



## POPE'S PRAYER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves,  
and to set out in search of truth.  
Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen,  
not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.  
Teach us to go where no one else will go,  
to take the time needed to understand,  
to pay attention to the essentials,  
not to be distracted by the superfluous,  
to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.  
Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places  
in our world and the honesty needed to tell others  
what we have seen. Amen.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Key dates:

- **January 1** - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Mary Major Basilica, Rome.
- **January 5** - Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, Rome.
- **January 6** - Epiphany, Celebrating the revelation of Christ to all nations and the importance of sharing this Good News.
- **January 18-25** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Praying for unity among all Christians, emphasizing communication and understanding.
- **January 24-26** - Jubilee of the World of Communications celebrated in Rome, and around the world.



### Create Your Own Jubilee Mascot!

Remember Luce, the Jubilee mascot? Use this for inspiration to design a mascot that could be for you or your family that embodies hope, unity and faith. Think about what it could look like—maybe a cheerful dove, a shining star or a friendly figure carrying a torch of hope. Use the official Jubilee colors: **Red** for love, **Orange** for joy, **Green** for hope and **Blue** for faith. Name your mascot and write a short message to share to inspire others. Add creative touches like glitter, stickers or colorful designs. **When you're done, share your creation with the Diocese of Erie at [krilling@eriercd.org](mailto:krilling@eriercd.org).** Read more about Luce in the Nov. 6 edition of Diocese of Erie News: [www.eriercd.org/news/enewsletter.html](http://www.eriercd.org/news/enewsletter.html).



**St. Francis de Sales** is the patron saint of writers and journalists known for using communication to spread faith and hope. His gentle approach and clear writings brought many closer to God.

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## FAITHFUL FACTS!

The Jubilee for the World of Communications emphasizes the vital role that communication plays in evangelization and fostering unity. It encourages us to use all forms of media responsibly to spread messages of hope, faith and love.

## LIVING THE MISSION

**How can you use your ways of communicating—whether through conversation, writing or digital media—to celebrate your faith and inspire hope and unity in others?**

## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

