



Jubilee 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

What is a Jubilee Year?

A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy or the 2013 Year of Faith.

The Catholic Jubilee Year, established in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, is rooted in the Jewish tradition of releasing prisoners, forgiving debts, and restoring harmony every 50 years. During the Jubilee, Catholics can receive plenary indulgences, which remove the temporal punishment for sins already forgiven. These indulgences can also be offered by the living for the relief of souls in purgatory.

What is the timeline of the Jubilee Year?

Jubilee Year 2025 began on Christmas Eve, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It will end with the closing of that Holy Door on January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee opened on Sunday, December 29, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.



The Jubilee Year Prayer

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What is the theme of Jubilee Year 2025?

Tradition dictates that each jubilee is proclaimed through a papal bull of indiction. The bull of indiction for this jubilee year is entitled, "Spes Non Confundit," meaning "Hope Does Not Disappoint."

What are some ways your school will mark this historic event?

1. Through prayer and reflection
2. Through care of creation
3. Through reconciliation
4. Through pilgrimage
5. Through community action
6. Through recognizing hope
7. Through gratitude

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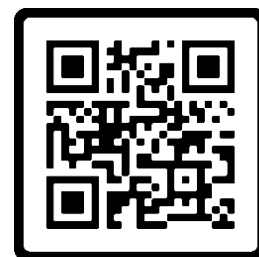
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Meet Luce



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Reach out to Molly Farrell, farrellm@archmil.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

Meet Vatican's New Mascot Luce

Designed by Italian illustrator Simone Legno

Luce is translated to 'light' in Italian

Luce is a symbol of hope and joy for the younger generations

Luce's yellow sailor's raincoat is a nod to both the Vatican flag and to journeying through life's storms

Luce's shells glimmer in her eyes, recalling the scallop shell of the Camino de Santiago, an emblem of the pilgrimage

Luce's rosary beads represent a life filled with deep prayer

Luce's staff symbolizes the pilgrimage toward eternity

Luce's muddy boots represent a long and difficult journey

