

ABOUT THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released a Papal Bull of Indiction which formally announced the Jubilee Year of Hope. The document was entitled *Spes non confundit* --“Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). In it, Pope Francis writes on the reasons for this theme for the Jubilee Year:

In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.... For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the “door” (cf. *Jn 10:7.9*) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as “our hope” (*1 Tim 1:1*).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope. ... (1).

“During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!” (*Spes non confundit*, 6).

IMPORTANT VATICAN DATES

December 24, 2024	(Christmas Eve) Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at the Basilica of St Peter, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee.
December 29, 2024	(Feast of the Holy Family) Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of his cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on November 9, 2024 celebrated the 1700 th anniversary of its dedication.
January 1, 2025	(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major.
January 5, 2025	(Epiphany) The Holy Father will open the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, December 28, 2025.
January 6, 2026	The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

ABOUT THE LOGO FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR



The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Pilgrims of Hope*, represented in green letters.

HELPFUL LINKS

Vatican Website <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

USCCB Website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

Full text of the Papal Bull : https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

Hymn for the Jubilee Year – text and music <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/search.html?q=hymn>

2025 - CALENDAR OF SPECIAL JUBILEE EVENTS

*The following Jubilee observances have been announced by the Vatican.
You may find these helpful as you plan your own diocesan observances in harmony with the Holy See.*

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Jan 24-26	World of Communications	
Feb 8-9	Armed Forces, Police, Security Personnel	
Feb 16-18	Artists	
Feb 21-23	Deacons	
Mar 8-9	World of Volunteers	
Mar 23-24	Twenty-four Hours for the Lord	
Mar 28-30	Missionaries of Mercy	
Apr 5-6	Sick and Health Care Workers	
Apr 25-27	Teenagers (Youth)	
Apr 28-30	Persons with Disabilities	
May 1-4	Workers	
May 4-5	Entrepreneurs	
May 10-11	Musical Bands	
May 16-18	Confraternities	
May 24-25	Children	
May 30-Jun 1	Families, Grandparents, Elderly	
Jun 7-8	Ecclesial Movements, Associations, New Communities	
Jun 9	Holy See	
Jun 14-15	Sports	
Jun 20-22	Governments	
Jun 23-24	Seminarians	
Jun 25	Bishops	
Jun 26-27	Priests	
Jun 28	Eastern Churches	
July 28-Aug 3	Young Adults and Young People	<i>[USCCB endorsed Pilgrimage to Rome]</i>
Sept 15	Consolation	
Sept 20	Justice	<i>[USCCB endorsed Pilgrimage to Rome]</i>
Sept 26-28	Catechists	<i>[USCCB endorsed Pilgrimage to Rome]</i>
Oct 5	Migrants	
Oct 8-9	Consecrated Life	
Oct 11-12	Marian Spirituality	
Oct 18-19	Missions	
Oct 30 – Nov 2	World of Education	
Nov 16	The Poor	
Nov 21-23	Choirs	
Dec 14	Prisoners	
Dec 28	Closing of the [Diocesan Festivities and] Doors around the World	
Jan 6, 2026	Closing of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica	

