

# Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this **"event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."** Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new

strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.





Pope Francis has asked that the year 2024 be dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025. The Jubilee prayer can be found below.

Additional information about Jubilee events and materials can be found in the Calendar of Events below, or on the Vatican website [here](#). As information becomes available for specific initiatives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that information will be available on this web page.



## **Pilgrims of Hope and Holy Year 2025**

## Catholic Current: Pilgrims of Hope and Holy Year 2025

Catholic Current speaks with Cindy Wooden of CNS Rome and Fr. Paul Hartmann and Paul Jarzembowski of the USCCB about the Jubilee Holy Year and how it connects to Rome-bound and stateside U.S. pilgrims in 2025.

[Landing page for Catholic Current episode \(Dec 18, 2024\)](#)

## Overview Information about the Jubilee Holy Year 2025

This brief [information document](#) includes some **background on the Jubilee** that diocesan, eparchial, parish, campus, movement, and school organizers may find useful in their planning for local and pilgrim programs during the Holy Year.

See this introduction [video](#) on the Jubilee celebration.

This [2025 calendar of events](#) includes a one-page overview of the Holy Year moments followed by several pages of anticipated detailed schedules for each Jubilee celebration in Rome, which can be replicated or adapted at the discretion of each local community. Note that this document is subject to change. See the calendar below on this page for the latest.

## If You Are Headed to Rome for the Jubilee Holy Year

The [Bishops' Office for United States Visitors](#) to the Vatican, sponsored by the [Pontifical North American College](#) and the United States.. Conference of Catholic Bishops, provides information to help you plan your Rome pilgrimage so that it may be a truly prayerful experience.

Follow them on [INSTAGRAM](#).

Additionally, be mindful of the **new visa requirements** ([linked here](#)) for U.S. citizens (and others) entering the European Union, starting in 2025. For those from other countries (outside the U.S.) who need additional visas for travel to Europe, note the special Jubilee tourism visa process ([linked here](#)).

## Jubilee 2025 Bull of Indiction: "Spes Non Confundit"

On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Pope Francis officially proclaimed the **Ordinary Jubilee of 2025** with the public reading and delivery of *Spes Non Confundit*, **the Bull of Indiction** for the Jubilee Holy Year 2025, in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. This papal document lays out the foundation for the 2025 Jubilee and its theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

[Click here](#) for the USCCB Divine Worship Secretariat newsletter with some helpful information on the Bull

## Latest News from the Vatican

**St. Peter's Holy Door sees more than half million pilgrims in two weeks**  
**Destination of Holy Year pilgrimage is encounter with Jesus, pope says**  
**Don't lose hope, pope says as he opens Holy Door at Rome prison**  
**Pope opens Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, launching 'Jubilee of Hope'**

## Special Jubilee Pilgrimages

The following are particular pilgrimages which are led by a U.S. Bishop.

### **Jubilee of Justice Pilgrimage**

[September 18-25, 2025](#)

[Letter of Invitation](#)

### **Jubilee of Catechists Pilgrimage**

[September 23-October 2, 2025](#)

[Trip Registration Form](#)

[Catechist Pilgrimage Details](#)

## Plenary Indulgence

The Vatican decree was issued outlining the different ways that Catholics may obtain the Plenary Indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. Click [here](#) to read and download the *Plenary Indulgence Decree*.

Click [here](#) for an article written by Catholic News Service.

**What is a plenary indulgence?** Check out the "Indulgences" section (nos. 1471 to 1479) of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, [available online here](#).



## National Shrines and Pilgrimage Sites in the U.S.

Formed in 1990 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the **National Association of Shrine and Pilgrimage Apostolate** ([NASPA](#)) is an association of shrines that have been [designated as national Catholic shrines](#) or that have been

designated diocesan shrines. Those not able to pilgrimage to Rome may also obtain a Jubilee Indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to a sacred Jubilee site, including any national minor basilica, Marian sanctuary, or national sanctuary.

Click [here to see the U.S. Shrine Holy Sites](#).

Visit the Vatican Jubilee 2025 Website: [Iubilaeum 2025](#)