



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
*PILGRIMS OF HOPE***

Office for Divine Worship

The Jubilee Year was announced by Pope Francis on May 9, 2024, with the Bull of Indiction, *Spes non confundit* (Hope does not disappoint).

PRINCIPAL ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATIONS

**Archdiocesan Opening of the Jubilee Year is December 29, 2024,
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass**

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist

All priests are welcome to concelebrate.

Please vest in the Cathedral Chapel by 10:45 AM in the archdiocesan vestment.

Representatives of every parish, institution and religious community are invited to come as pilgrims of hope and then return with the message of the Jubilee year to spread throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

All will gather for this Mass in Sister Cities Park across the street from the main entrance to the Cathedral Basilica. A ceremonial cross will lead the "Pilgrims of Hope" to the main entrance of the Cathedral Basilica at which point the Archbishop will invite all to venerate it. This is followed by a commemoration of Baptism. The ceremonial cross will be placed in the Cathedral Basilica all throughout the Jubilee Year.

**Archdiocesan Closing of the Jubilee Year is December 28, 2025,
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,
at the 11:00 AM Solemn Mass
Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, Celebrant and Homilist**

Please note: the only Holy Doors for this Jubilee will be in Rome.

WAYS TO OBSERVE THE JUBILEE YEAR

- **PILGRIMAGES**

- **To the Shrines within the Archdiocese, especially as sacred sites to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence**

Archbishop Perez has designated the following Shrines within the Archdiocese as places to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

NATIONAL SHRINES

St. John Neumann at St. Peter Church, Philadelphia
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown
St. Rita, Philadelphia

DIOCESAN SHRINES

St. Anne in St. Anne (upper) Church, Philadelphia
Bl. Carlo Acutis at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern
St. Gianna Beretta Molla at Nativity BVM Church, Warminster
St. Jude at St. Jude Church, Chalfont
St. Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
Miraculous Medal Basilica, Philadelphia
Padre Pio at St. Bede Church, Holland

Information on the Jubilee Indulgence and the times for Confessions at these Shrines will be published on the Archdiocesan Jubilee Year website, <https://archphila.org/holyyear/>.

- **To the places of Baptism**

The clergy and faithful are encouraged to visit the font of their Baptism, where their pilgrimage of hope began as Christians.

- **To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC**

This pilgrimage will be scheduled for a weekday during the Jubilee to allow for greater participation of clergy and students in all the schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

- **RENEWED DEVOTION TO THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST, ESPECIALLY WITH THE ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION IN EACH PARISH, INSTITUTION AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY**

- Each parish, institution - including high schools, colleges and universities - and religious community is strongly encouraged to observe the Forty Hours Devotion during the Jubilee Year. Dates that coincide with a parish or community feast, the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church or some other local significant date should direct the timing for this annual Eucharistic Devotion.
- Please send your calendar information for your Forty Hours Devotion to, <https://form.jotform.com/242664245559061>. This link is also on the Archdiocesan Jubilee Year website. With the publication of the Jubilee Year Calendar of Forty Hours Devotion within the Archdiocese, the clergy and faithful will have many opportunities to participate in the devotion.

The 2024 edition of *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass* provides the ritual guidance for this Eucharistic Devotion.

- Priests and deacons are encouraged to make use of the following themes when preaching the Forty Hours. These are themes for the Jubilee Year provided by Pope Francis in the Bull of Indiction:
 - *Peace*
 - *Value of Human Life*
 - *Care for Prisoners*
 - *Care for the Sick, Young People, Migrants, the Elderly (Grandparents)*
 - *The Poor and the Forgiveness of Debts*

- **EMPHASIS ON THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION**
 - Everyone is encouraged to receive the gift of the Jubilee Indulgence at one of the Shrines in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
 - Deaneries are encouraged to publicize the various opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation throughout the Deanery for the benefit of the clergy and faithful.
 - Parishes, institutions and religious communities are encouraged to make use of the wide variety of options for communal celebrations of Penance as found in the 2023 *Order of Penance*, especially during Lent and Advent of the Jubilee Year.
 - The Archdiocesan Missionaries of Mercy are available to assist with the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The Missionaries of Mercy and their contact information can be found on the Archdiocesan Jubilee Year website.

- **AN ECUMENICAL OBSERVANCE ON THE 1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AT NICEA, CELEBRATED AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA IN MAY/JUNE 2025**

Everyone is encouraged to make use of the Jubilee Hymn and Prayer found on the Archdiocesan Jubilee Year website.

WEBSITES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

For the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, <https://archphila.org/hollyyear/>

For the Vatican, <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/it.html>

For the United States, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The International Jubilee Year 2025 coincides with the third of the three years of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Year of Mission. For more information, please see:

For the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, <https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/>

For the United States, [National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's Invitation](#)