



Memo 78

Jubilee 2025

To: Pastoral Staff
Re: Jubilee 2025

Last Friday, February 9, our Holy Father Pope Francis announced that a Jubilee will take place at the level of the universal Church in 2025. In his letter to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization (attached), after referring to the pandemic and its suffering, the Pope invites us to keep the flame of hope burning and to look to the future with an open mind, a trusting heart and a clear understanding. Under the theme "*Pilgrims of Hope*", this jubilee will allow us to rediscover the sense of universal brotherhood, being attentive to the growing poverty, to the many refugees and to the care of the common home. The year 2024 will be dedicated to a great '*symphony*' of prayer, in the light of the '*Our Father*'.

Jubilees have a significant place in the Catholic Church. The first one was instituted in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, and thereafter at a rate of first 50 years and then 25 years. In the 20th century, an "ordinary" Jubilee was celebrated in 1900 (Leo XIII), 1925 (Pius XI), 1950 (Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary), 1975 (Paul VI) and 2000 (Great Jubilee of the Third Millennium under the aegis of John Paul II). There are also 'extraordinary' jubilees: 1933 with Pius XI (the 1900th anniversary of the redemption), 1983 with John Paul II (1950th anniversary of the redemption), 2016 with Pope Francis (Jubilee of Mercy).

More precise indications about the Jubilee of 2025 will be given in due course.

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