

PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN A YEAR OF JUBILEE

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
Cf. Romans 5:5



A pilgrimage is an arduous journey, taken for a specific intention, to a sacred place where the hoped-for grace may be realized. Pope Francis declared 2025 a Holy Year calling all Catholics to be pilgrims of Hope. We all have prayer intentions, personal needs for forgiveness, reconciliation or healing and burdens that can be too heavy to carry alone. This is why pilgrims typically travel together. How, then, can we, in this Year of Jubilee, journey together when our destination is not merely a sacred place but Hope itself?

In his Letter titled, “Hope Does Not Disappoint”, Pope Francis formally announced that the Holy Year 2025 continuing through the feast of Epiphany on January 6, 2026 saying,

“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; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.”

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The destinations for Holy Year pilgrimage are: four Holy Door: Saint Peter’s Basilica and three others in Rome. In his November 30, 2024 letter Archbishop Allen Vigneron said that Church of Detroit



JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.



will not have an official ‘Holy Door’. But “certain churches will serve as official sites of pilgrimage for the faithful in Southeast Michigan to visit. At these archdiocesan pilgrimage sites, the faithful will be able to pray the official prayer for Jubilee Year 2025 and unite themselves spiritually to all who journey as pilgrims to Rome. and.org/our-pilgrimage-of-hope

- + Basilica of Stc. Anne, Detroit
- + Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- + Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- + Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- + National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- + Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- + Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown
- + Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, Livonia
- + Shrine of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- + Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- + Shrine of St. Joseph, Detroit
- + Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac

The Archbishop continued, “Even without a Holy Door to pass through here in Detroit, I would offer a word of encouragement to the faithful in the archdiocese to seek out a certain door in your parish church that can be a threshold for new hope. That particular door is, of course, the door to the Confessional. Confession is one of the greatest acts of hope a Catholic can make!”
ibid.

This Year of Jubilee gives the Archdiocesan yet another opportunity to realize our Synod ’16 vision: to allow the Holy Spirit to make of us a band of joyful missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Joyful disciples who lead others back to the Sacrament of Penance, to the Holy Door of the Confessional and who ask, “How can we bring the good news of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to those who hunger for him and to



those who live without hope?” Cf. Ibid



Our hope as Christians is not simply a vague sense that if we work hard good things will come or a mere habit of optimism. No! According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the act of Theological Hope reaches God Himself because as it depends on Him. “The object of every act of hope is a future good, difficult but possible to obtain.” And “In so far as we hope for anything possible to us by means of the Divine assistance, our hope attains God Himself, on Whose help it leans.” Cf. ST II-II, 17.1

For Aquinas theological hope is not just a passive expectation, but an active and dynamic virtue that disposes us to take actions that develop through practice and repetition. The more that we truly ‘lean’ on God we will find him ‘there for us.’ As his disciples, our hope is in Jesus Christ who loves us and gave himself for us. Eph. 5:2 Jesus who said, “I will be with you always” and “I go before you to prepare a place for you so that where I am you also may be.” Jesus is our Hope that does not disappoint. As we journey together, especially when the road is hard, let’s remind each other to ‘lean’ on Jesus. Then remember to share our stories of finding him as did the disciples in Emmaus did on the road and in the ‘Breaking of the Bread’. Lk. 24:13-35

In this Holy Year, as joyful missionary disciples, when we share this Good News with others, especially those who are hungry, sick, poor, imprisoned, homebound, and lonely we are inviting them to journey with us. Invite them to discover that each step, each act of hope leads us to our true destination, Hope himself, Jesus the Christ.

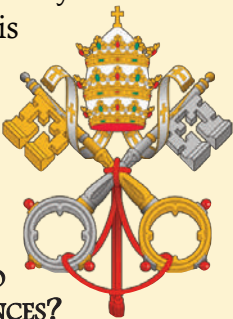
JUBILEE YEAR INDULGENCES AND HOW TO GAIN THEM
Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." "Matt. 16:19

WHAT ARE INDULGENCES?

The term “*indulgences*” refers to specific prayers and actions, permeated with a spirit of penance, that are an extra-special channel of God’s superabundant, healing grace called the **Treasury of Infinite Merit**.

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THIER SUPERABUNDANT HEALING GRACE?

This Treasury of the merits and satisfactions of Jesus Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection, according to Pope Clement VI was bequeath to His Church militant here on earth as an infinite treasure, not laid up in a napkin, nor hidden in a field, but committed by Him to be dispensed for the welfare of the faithful by the hands of blessed Peter, who has the keys of heaven, and by his successors here on earth, the vicars of Jesus Christ.



IF OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN, WHY DO WE NEED INDULGENCES?

If we were to imagine our sins as nails driven into a piece of wood, and forgiveness as the removal of those nails, we would still be left with holes in the wood where the nails previously were. In other words, the work of God is not complete upon mere forgiveness, but seeks to go further through healing and transformation accomplished by our cooperation with supernatural grace through penance & indulgences i.e., filling in the holes of the wood.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN AN INDULGENCE DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR?

During the Jubilee Year 2025, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence-that is, complete remission of the temporal punishment due to sin-by making **SPACE** for God in your day:

Avoid **SIN** (have complete detachment from all sin, even venial ones)

Offer **PRAYERS** for the Pope (Our Father and Hail Mary)

Perform the **ACTION** (see activities on next page)

Go to **CONFESSION** (within about 20 days of performing the action)

Recieve the **EUCCHARIST** (within about 20 days of performing the action)

WORKS OF DEVOTION

- + Participating in a parish mission
- + Studying the documents of Vatican II or *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

WORKS OF MERCY

- + Visiting those in need or in difficulty, e.g.: the sick or prisoners
- those who are lonely, elderly, or disabled

WORKS OF PENANCE

- + Abstaining from distractions (e.g., the use of smartphone apps or social media) at least one day a week + Abstaining from certain food and drink (fasting) at least one day a week
- + Abstaining from meat (abstinence) at least one day a week + Donating money to the poor
- + Supporting the work of those who defend and protect life in all its phases
- + Supporting the ministry of those who work with abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants
- + Dedicating one's free time to community service or parish ministry

TWO DOMINICAN NUNS DRAWN BY ONE GREAT LOVE

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." Saint Augustine



When remembering Sister Mary Vincent the first thing that comes to mind is 'the zeal of St. Vincent Ferrer' followed immediately by the 'humor of a class clown'.

Sr. Mary Vincent Wagner, O.P., Arlene Mary Wagner, daughter of Henry and Sophie Wagner was born on January 14, 1935, in Chicago, IL. She entered the Dominican Monastery of the Holy Name in Cincinnati, OH in 1955 and made her profession of vows in 1957. When that Monastery closed in 1989, she requested to be transferred to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Sister was predeceased by her sister, Bernadette and brothers, Henry and Tom. Sr. Mary Vincent is survived by her sisters, Dolores and Marisha, and brothers, Jim and Dennis, and her very special nephews.

Sister loved to study and to write. She was the editor of Dominican Monastic Search and the book, *In Search for Living Waters*, a compellation of its best articles. Sister was a dedicated letter-writer to prisoners on Death Row. Her faith-filled messages had a great impact on them. More than one man turned his heart to the Lord, found comfort in the Sacraments and in the Word of God and entered Eternal Life in the state of Grace. We expect that they were waiting for her as she passed into Eternal Life.

Sr. Mary Vincent dedicated her life of fidelity to the Sacred Liturgy especially as Chantress and Sacristan, to love for Dominican Poverty and to the study of Sacred Scripture. With joy tinged with awe she paraphrased her favorite verse, "We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is."

Of her vocation, Sister wrote, "When I was in High School I studied Sociology and Current Events and I remember looking out over the world situation and thinking: How can I help? From about 12 or so, I started thinking about belonging to God - knowing God - yet I wanted to be a missionary -



to reach every person, every family, every nation. I saw the tensions, wars, and immense needs in



I found him Whom my soul loves.

Song of Song 3:4



The best way to describe Sr. Michael Marie is a woman of strong Faith, common sense and grit. As a young woman, Hildegard (Hildi) felt a deep calling to dedicate herself entirely to God as a religious sister. However, her mother strongly opposed this path, and so it was arranged for her to marry. She wed Pete Schmidt, a local rancher. They had five beautiful children: Jerry, Ken, Ron, Marilyn and Cindy, all of whom reside in North Dakota. From these she had 17 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren.

This amazing, grace-filled woman, managed a ranch; then to make ends

meet, drove two hours round trip to work in retail where she was inspired to create her own Interior Design business.

She was very attractive and successful but, following the death of her husband and the marriage of her youngest son, the call to religious life emerged once more. She decided to act on it when 'out of the blue' an audacious priest said to her, "Why aren't you a nun?"

In 1991, she entered the Monastery of the Rosary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She made her First Vows in August 1994. After 23 fruitful years in the Lancaster community, Sister Michael Marie in 2015 requested a transfer to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament. Sr. Michael Marie had a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother. She began her religious life as Dominican Nun of the Perpetual Rosary. In secular life, she had been an active member of the Blue Army of Our Lady. When going to her hour of Eucharistic Adoration she would say, "I have to go. The Blessed Mother is waiting." On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 2024 she said to all who loved her, *"Bye, for now, the Blessed Mother is waiting."*





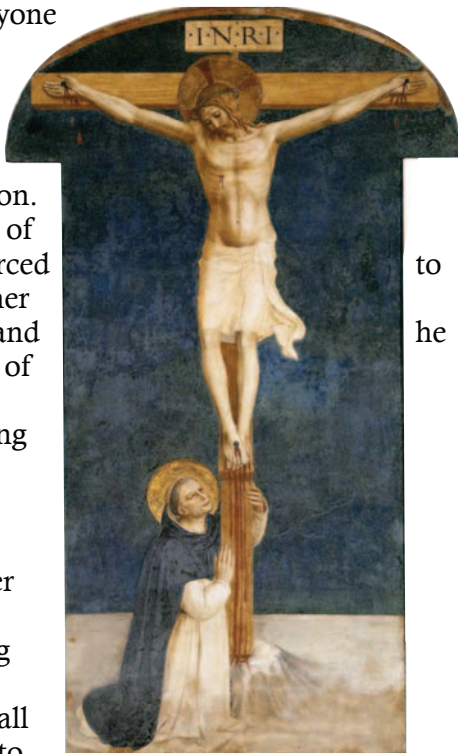
the world. How to do it? Then I read Therese of Lisieux who loved God and the missions as a Cloistered Nun.

In school I saw a movie about the Passion of Jesus and I still remember the scene where Jesus fell down while carrying His Cross and a young boy picked up a rock and threw it at Him. After the movie I cried all the way home knowing that

somehow, I wouldn't let anyone throw stones at Jesus. He had stolen my heart.

Later I was moved by the story of a wealthy heiress during the Russian revolution. The man she loved was not of her station, so they were forced separate. He finally found her just as her train pulled out and threw himself onto the end of that train. This scene left a deep impression in my young mind – love cannot brook separation. Nothing can separate lovers.”

As a Dominican Nun, Sister Mary Vincent found a life where she could love, giving everything and finding everything, a life that was "all God". Her words continue to echo in our ears and in our hearts: “We shall see Him face to face!”



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Sister Sub-Prioress as MC on a Prioress' Feast Day



In 'character' as St. Dominic with his dog in a skit that she wrote. The dog stold the show! Below, just being herself for fun in a skit with Sr. Mary Thomas and Sr. Mary Rani.



2025 DISCERNMENT RETREAT JULY 18th ~ 20th

Single, Catholic women
ages 18 to 35

Please, spread the news
and pray for those the
Lord is inviting.

Contact: Vocation Directress
at dnfvocations@gmail.com



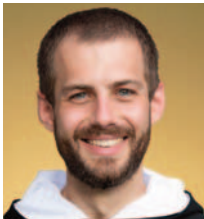
When I
found Him
Whom my
heart loves

... I would not let him go!

Song of songs



Presented by our Vocation team
with Fr. Jordan DeGuire, OP.



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES
EASTER SUNDAY ~ THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 17th ~ 20th



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| HOLY THURSDAY | 4:00 pm MASS; Doors open 8:00 am; Gift Shop closes 2:30 pm |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross with Communion Service Doors open 8:00 am; Gift Shop Closed All Day |
| HOLY SATURDAY | 8:00 am Doors open until 2:30 pm; Gift Shop open until 2:30 pm |
| EASTER - | |
| VIGIL MASS | 11:00 pm Doors open 10:45 pm |
| MORNING MASS | 9:30 am Doors open at 9:00 am and close at Noon |

Intentions: _____
Please check here if no acknowledgment needed ☐

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2024 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Shortly after Mass on Thanksgiving Day, 2024, Our Prioress, Sister Mary Rani assisted by Sr. Clara Marie, who drew a winning ticket for the for this years Sweepstakes.

The winners were :

First Prize of \$1,000.00: Mary Bourdage, Livonia, MI
Second Prize of \$500.00: Joan Stenecson, Farmington Hills, MI
The five Third Prize winners of \$100.00 were:
Liz Mugo Chicago, IL
Steve Odinski Ferndale, MI
Mary Marquis Livonia, MI
Kathryn Fuoco Johnston, OH
James Kurzawa Hamtramick, MI



We rejoice with these winners, and we offer our sincere thanks to them and to all who so graciously partook of the sweepstakes.
We ask our dear Lord to bless a hundredfold the generosity of one and all.
The total amount that was donated was \$13,484.00.

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NOVENA OF SAINT JOSEPH ~ MARCH 11TH~ 19TH

Ite Ad Joseph - Go to Joseph! - St. André’s powerful mantra, a call to Faith and Hope.

St. Joseph, man of prayer, help us to stand with you before God, humble, attentive, faith-filled, awaiting the loving mercy of His providence. Teach us to pray as you did, with the inner simplicity and trust of silent prayer and the purity and strength of worship in union with our brothers and sisters.

The whole world is your child, Joseph.

Be protector and advocate for the searching and the sorrowing, the struggling and the straying, for all of us who long for peace and the fullness of life.

Take our lives, our times, our needs into your fatherly care, so that we may follow Christ Jesus down pathways of holiness and wholeness. Enfold us and those we love in your prayer, father Joseph.

Obtain for us the daily bread of grace we need for this life, so that we may come at last in your company to the eternal joy of Heaven. Amen.

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