



The Archdiocese of
Port of Spain

Jubilee
2025



"To proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Luke 4:19

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Saturday 29 June 2024

It is a time to rejoice! In accordance with tradition, the Pope proclaims a Jubilee every twenty-five (25) years. *"Now the time has come (Holy Year of 2025) for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ."* (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confudit*)

We are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope** as we journey to and through the Holy Year 2025. What is a Jubilee Year one may ask? Jubilee is a call *"to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour"* (Lk 4:19) It is a year/season of grace, a font of mercy, a year of celebration and jubilation and a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the door of our salvation.

We are expected in the course of the year to make every effort to enable the people of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy.

During this Jubilee Year we are called to exhibit tangible signs of hope through:

- our desire for peace in the world
- having enthusiasm for life
- initiatives aimed at restoring hope to prisoners, the sick, the young, migrants, the elderly, the poor
- our relationship with creation
- making pilgrimages to rediscover the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life

and other acts aimed at sanctifying and transforming our world.

As we (the Archdiocese of Port of Spain) make our pilgrimage to this Holy Year of Jubilee we want to hear from you. What are things you want to see celebrated or attended to during this Jubilee Year of Hope?

His Grace the Archbishop says in his mandate letter to the Jubilee Committee that Jubilee is an important time to acknowledge *"the marvellous ways God has worked in the midst of his people. A time to reflect on the graces of God that we have received personally, as families and as Church."*

Let us embark on that acknowledgement and reflection keeping ever before our eyes the words of the psalmist: *"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!"* (Ps 27:14)

Yours in Christ,

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