



The Archdiocese of  
Port of Spain

Jubilee  
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Dear Father/Reverend

Blessings and Peace in this holy season of Lent.

In the Bull for the Jubilee Year 2025, *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis makes reference to 2025 being the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicea. He writes: “At the same time, Nicea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of fitting ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus “that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me” ( Jn 17:21).

Holy Week is a time to witness to that ecumenical spirit. Some parishes for some years now have had ecumenical Palm Sunday processions. Good Friday early morning Stations of the Cross frequently includes Christians of other denominations. His Grace the Archbishop would like us all to promote ecumenism during Holy Week. It is also one of the themes for April in the local Jubilee calendar.

We also hear those encouraging words of St. Paul: “In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:19). I encourage you to enhance and witness to this ministry of reconciliation by promoting the ecumenical spirit during Holy Week.

Yours in Christ

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