



## Preparing for The Jubilee 'Pilgrimage'

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### **Pilgrimage**

The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out. The etymology of the word “pilgrimage” is quite telling and has undergone little change in meaning over the years. The word comes from the Latin “*per ager*,” meaning “across the fields,” or perhaps from “*per eger*” meaning “border crossing”: both possible origins point to the distinctive aspect of undertaking a journey.

In the Bible, Abraham is described as a person on a journey: “Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father’s house” (Genesis 12:1). With these words Abraham begins his adventure, which ends in the Promised Land, where he is remembered as a “wandering Aramean” (Deuteronomy 26:5). Jesus’ ministry can also be seen as a journey, from Galilee to the Holy City of Jerusalem ... “As the time drew near when Jesus would be taken up to heaven, he made up his mind and set out on his way to Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51). Christ himself calls His disciples to walk this road, and even today Christians are those who follow him and set out after Him.

The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies.

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Along the way our traveling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives. Contemplation of creation is also part of the journey and helps us to realize that care for creation “is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will” (Pope Francis, Letter for the Jubilee 2025). Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one’s very being to conform it to the holiness of God. During the pilgrimage, one also shares in the experience of those who, for various reasons, are forced to leave their homelands to seek a better life for themselves and their family.



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<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

## **Diocese of Prince Albert Jubilee Sites for 2025**

\*Sacred Heart Cathedral in  
Prince Albert

\*St. Laurent Shrine located near Duck  
Lake

\*Shrine of St. Theresa in  
Wakaw

\*Notre Dame de Lourdes in  
North Battleford

Please see the Diocesan website for any special events and pilgrimage dates happening at our Diocesan Pilgrimage sites. Events and Dates will be posted as they are finalized.

### **Where else could we go?**

Promotion of pilgrimages to National Shrines in dioceses, parishes and the wider community as opportunities for celebrating the Jubilee

***National Shrines will provide CCCB with activities for Jubilee available through the CCCB (on Jubilee Webpage) / National Shrines websites.***



## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi for the Jubilee Year**

Join Bishop Stephen Hero and Father Maurice Fiolleau of Prince Albert on... **2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year**

### **December 10-18, 2025**

- 9 Days (11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners)
- Day 1: Wednesday (Dec 10, 2025) / Overnight Flight to Rome.
- Day 2: Thursday (Dec 11) / Welcome Dinner at your hotel.
- Day 3: Friday (Dec 12) / Begin pilgrimage of the Seven Jubilee Churches – Basilica of St. John Lateran, Scala Sancta (the Holy Stairs), Basilica of St. Mary Major (Mass Celebrated here). Evening free.
- Day 4: Saturday (Dec 13) / Basilica of St. Laurence outside the walls, Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls, Basilica of St. Sebastian outside the walls (Mass Celebrated here), visit to the Catacombs. Evening free.
- Day 5: Sunday (Dec 14) / Mass at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy. Angelus & Papal Blessing at St. Peter's Square. Bambinelli Sunday – blessing of the Infant Jesus brought from your creche at home. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love. Evening free.
- Day 6: Monday (Dec 15) / Travel to Assisi for the day. Visit of the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the Basilica of St. Francis (Mass Celebrated here). Return to Rome in the evening.
- Day 7: Tuesday (Dec 16) / Explore the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica, Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem (Mass Celebrated here). Evening free.
- Day 8 Wednesday (Dec 17) / Papal Audience with blessing given by the Pope. Afternoon free. Farewell dinner in the evening.
- Day 9: Thursday (Dec 18) / Tour ends. Return home with renewed faith as a Pilgrim of Hope.

For more information and to reserve a place on the Pilgrimage contact: CAA Saskatchewan office, South Hill Mall, Prince Albert (306) 764-6858