



Preparing for The Jubilee 'Liturgy'

Diocese of Prince Albert
Liturgy Office



Liturgy

The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church: in the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is the “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; [and,] at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). At the center is the Christian liturgy is the Mass - the Eucharistic celebration, where the Body and Blood of Christ are truly received. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside the disciples and reveals to them the mysteries of the Father, so that they too can say, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” (Luke 24:29).

One liturgical rite that is specific to the Jubilee year is the opening of the Holy Door. Until the last century, the Pope would symbolically initiate the demolition of the wall that kept the Holy Door bricked up on non-Jubilee years. Stone masons would then fully remove the brick wall to be able to open the Holy Door. Since 1950, the ceremony has changed and now the wall is dismantled beforehand and, within a solemn choral liturgy, the Pope pushes open the door from the outside, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This and the other liturgical expressions that accompany the Holy Year emphasize that the Jubilee pilgrimage is not merely an intimate, personal gesture, but is a sign of the journey of the whole people of God toward the Kingdom.

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2025 Jubilee Year

Theme: As expressed so beautifully by His Holiness Pope Francis, “*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.*” (Letter of Pope Francis to Mgr Rino Fisichella)

When: The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.



The Opening Celebration for Prince Albert Diocese will be Sunday Dec. 29th at 11am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Motto: “Pilgrims of Hope,” reflects the reality of the Church as a people on a journey toward a better future. Our hope, rooted in our belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus, reminds us that all things are possible. We are called to be witnesses to hope.

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The Jubilee Logo

The **figures** represent humanity from the four

corners of the earth, embracing in the solidarity

that unites people.

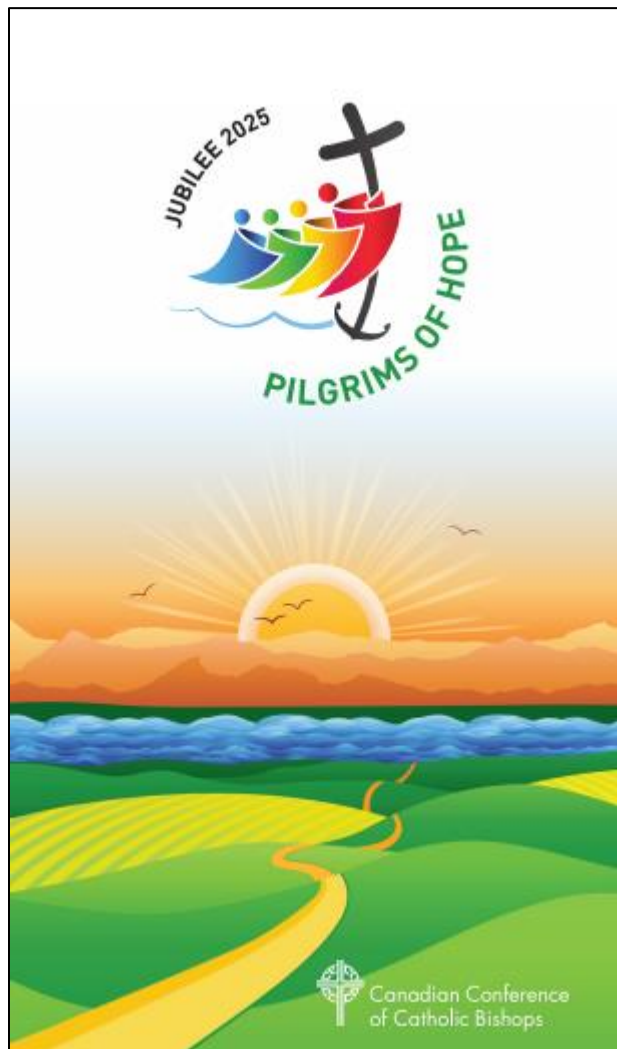
The **Cross** is the sign of faith that embraces and

of hope that can never be abandoned.

The **waves** remind us that the pilgrimage of life does not always move in calm waters.

The lower part of the Cross extends into an **anchor**, a universal symbol of hope.

The pilgrim's journey is not individual, but rather a **communal** one.



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop have made available a Canadian graphic design encompassing the Jubilee Logo which can be used by anyone interested to promote the 2025 Jubilee Year.

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