

Jubilee Year 2025 – “Pilgrims of Hope”



Dear friends,

The Jubilee Year 2025 invited us to become pilgrims of hope. But what does it truly mean to be a pilgrim of hope? It means walking with God, welcoming His light into our lives, and deepening our fraternal bonds—even when the world seems uncertain or dark.

Life is not always easy. Conflicts, economic crises, social upheavals, and even our inner struggles can weigh heavily upon us. Yet hope remains possible. It is not a naïve hope; it acknowledges pain, but it also gives us the courage to move forward, to believe that healing and redemption are within reach.

To be a pilgrim of hope is to bring light where darkness lingers. It is to comfort the discouraged, defend justice, welcome those who feel excluded, and pursue reconciliation. It is to bear witness through our lives that God is greater than our fears, and that darkness will never have the last word.

Each of us carries a wellspring of hope within. We do not need to control everything; we need only entrust ourselves to God, surrender our lives to Him, and walk with confidence, trusting that “all things work together for good to those who love God.”

In this Year of Hope, let’s walk together. Let us strengthen our hearts against evil, rejoice in the peace of Christ, and become artisans of peace and consolation. Even when the path is difficult, let us not be afraid: the Lord, our Good Shepherd, “leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake” (Ps 23:3).

May this Jubilee continue to be a time of spiritual renewal, joy, and shared love. Let us be pilgrims of hope, today and always.

Blessings!

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