

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
October 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



The theme for the month of October is *Living the Rosary: A Pathway to Peace*. Pictured above is the 2024 Rosary March in downtown Erie. This year's rosary march is on October 12 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral. (Diocese of Erie file photo)

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

CALLED TO CONNECT

Praying the mysteries of the rosary has a calming, tranquil and harmonious impact on one's soul, creating an inner sense of peace from within that flows outward towards others. Praying 20 decades covers the whole world with a Hail Mary for each of the 197 countries. Uniting in prayer with people around the world becomes a world prayer for peace. The rosary transforms lives, rejuvenates the spirit and captures a true sense of peace. Call it Mary's mantle of protection.

The Rosary is a dynamic, contemplative, repetitive and meditative prayer for world peace. Reflecting on the mysteries helps bring it to life in our own lives, for they are as much about us as they were about Jesus and Mary. This spiritual practice helps prevent wars, rid the world and people's lives of hatred, violence, selfish ambitions and self-seeking pursuits.

October focuses on Mary as Our Lady of the Rosary and the Queen of Peace. ***If you want peace, pray the Rosary!*** With each Hail Mary you are empowered to live the rosary each day.

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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

According to the Scriptures Philippians 4:6



PRAYER

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console, to be under-
stood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in
dying that we are born to eternal life.

CELEBRATIONS

Key dates:

- **October 4-5** - Jubilee of Migrants
- **October 4-5** - Jubilee of the Missions
- **October 8-9** - Jubilee of Consecrated Life
- **October 11-12** - Jubilee of Marian Spirituality
- **October 31- November 2** - Jubilee of the World of Education

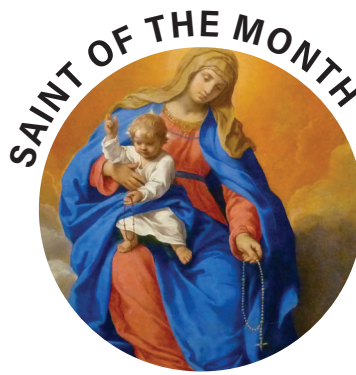
HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

Jubilee vocab: Decade - In the Rosary, a decade means ten Hail Marys with one Our Father. Each decade helps us think about a *mystery*—a special story from the lives of Jesus and Mary.



Hey, Kids of Christ! October is the Month of the Rosary, and Luce has a special craft to help you pray in a new way. Gather a string or pipe cleaner and some beads. You'll need ten smaller beads to remind you of the Hail Marys, and one larger bead to remind you of the Our Father. **Together, those beads make a "decade" of the rosary!**

As you slide the beads onto your string, pause to whisper the prayer each one stands for. When you wear your bracelet, it becomes more than just decoration—it's a little rosary you can keep with you, ready to help you **pray anytime**.



Our Lady of the Rosary, also known as Our Lady of Victory, reminds us of the power of praying the Rosary. It began as thanksgiving for victory at the Battle of Lepanto, but today it invites us all to trust in prayer as our greatest strength.

FAITHFUL FACTS!

Pope Leo XIV celebrated his 70th birthday on September 14 by reflecting on how his Chicago upbringing in a household split between Cubs and White Sox fans shaped his diplomatic style. "We learned, even in sports, to have an open, dialogical, friendly and not angry competitive stance," he said.

LIVING THE MISSION

Teachers, parents and students often face heavy burdens in education like limited resources, distractions and discouragement. **How is God calling us to bring the light of Christ into the work of education, so that learning becomes not just about knowledge, but about leading souls closer to truth and holiness? This week, choose one concrete way to support faith-filled education. You can pray for a teacher, encourage a student or offer your time and gifts to help a school or parish program.**

