

Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie
June 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE



Pope Leo XIV greets Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel after he celebrates his first Mass on May 9, 2025, as the new leader of the Catholic Church. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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

Last month was eventful in the history of the church and the world. For the first time in 121 years, we gathered at Mass praying for “Leo, our Pope!” This month brings jubilee gatherings for ecclesial movements, associations, new communities, the Holy See, sports, seminarians, bishops and priests. All these groups can find an instant connection with our Holy Father, and through him, with the Risen Jesus – the Good Shepherd – whose Easter greeting was the first from Pope Leo: “Peace be with all of you!” Each of us, in our own way and with unique gifts, amidst daily uncertainty, can unite and serve as Pope Leo exhorts us.

Wherever we are in our faith journeys, we must never feel isolated but connected in Christ through his church. We are recipients of Jesus Christ’s love and are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, connecting, uniting and serving together. We are pilgrims from Baptism until we behold the face of Jesus Christ in eternity. Walking with Pope Leo and the whole human family, let us continue this pilgrimage of hope, our hearts on fire with love for Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

The Very Reverend Justin P. Pino, V.F.

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“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

~~~~~ According to the Scriptures Matthew 16:18



## PRAYER

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FROM BISHOP PERSICO:

Lord God, creator of all things and source of all gifts and talents, your Son came to this world to fulfill His vocation as the Redeemer of all humanity. Grant the sons and daughters of the parishes of the Diocese of Erie a profound awareness of their own vocations. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, may they come to realize their distinct place in your divine plan. Give them the grace to recognize and the courage to pursue vocations as devoted priests, deacons and consecrated women and men to assist the Diocese of Erie in fulfilling her mission.

With the intercession of Saint Patrick, our patron, who preached the Gospel in word and deed, we pray that they may find happiness and fulfillment in a life of service to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Key dates:

- **June 9** - Jubilee of the Holy See
- **June 14-15** - Jubilee of Sports
- **June 20-22** - Jubilee of Governments
- **June 23-24** - Jubilee of Seminarians
- **June 25** - Jubilee of Bishops
- **June 25-27** - Jubilee of Priests

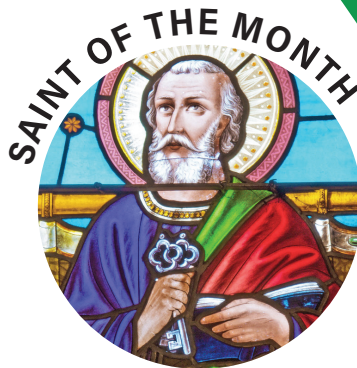
## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

**Jubilee vocab: Prayer** - Talking and listening to God.

Join Luce during the **Jubilee of Sports** as she cheers us on to **“run the race with faith!”** (Hebrews 12:1-2). Like in sports, living our faith takes teamwork, perseverance, focus and trust. Get creative and make a Jubilee Medal to wear as a reminder to keep your eyes on Jesus and play with heart.



Draw and color your medal with the words “Run with Faith!” Add decorations like your favorite sport or a cross to show what inspires you. Punch a hole at the top, attach a ribbon and wear your medal proudly as a reminder to live your faith every day—on and off the field!



**Saint Peter** was the first pope and one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was a fisherman and a “fisher-of-men” for the Catholic Church.

## FAITHFUL FACTS!

Pope Francis holds the unique distinction of being the only pope to open—but not close—the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica during a Jubilee Year.

Only one other pope, Innocent XII, was buried while the Holy Doors remained open. Gravely ill after proclaiming the Holy Year in 1699, he delegated the door’s opening to the Vice-Dean Cardinal de Bouillon. After his death in 1700, his successor, Clement XI, closed the doors.

## LIVING THE MISSION

How can I actively support and pray for the spiritual strength, humility and faithfulness of our bishops, priests and seminarians as they strive to shepherd the church in today’s world? In what ways am I called to encourage and uplift them in their vocations—through prayer or acts of service? Do I recognize the unique challenges they face, and am I intentional in asking God to protect, guide and renew their hearts for ministry?

