

PILGRIM PASSPORT



Diocese of Ogdensburg
Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

During the Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop LaValley has designated the following churches and shrine as pilgrimage locations. Upon visiting any one of them and completing the normal requirements, a pilgrim may obtain a plenary indulgence.

The pilgrimage churches of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are:

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

St. Mary's Church, Canton

St. Mary's Church, Clayton

Holy Family Church, Watertown

Precious Blood Monastery, Watertown

St. Stephen's Church, Croghan

St. Alphonsus' Church, Tupper Lake

St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Forge

St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga

St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh

Mother Cabrini Shrine

at St. Patrick's Oratory, West Peru

Notre Dame Church, Malone

To assist in becoming a pilgrim of hope, this "Pilgrim Passport" was assembled. It contains prayers, information about the Jubilee Year, reflections on indulgences, and a means of tracking your visits to pilgrimage sites. May we all be Pilgrims of Hope this year and throughout our lives.

The Official Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

-Pope Francis

About Jubilee Years

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

The word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word yobel, which is a ram's horn. This wind instrument is blown to mark the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible Leviticus (25:9). In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the

landless. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor: The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favor." (Luke 4:18-19) After reading, Jesus announces: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. He invites us to join him in making it a reality.

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

The 2025 Jubilee Year began on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on January 6, 2026.

Holy Year 2025 – The Meaning of Pilgrimage

Making a 'pilgrimage' may be more familiar to us than we realize. Baseball fans go on a pilgrimage to Cooperstown. History fans make a pilgrimage to Gettysburg. Elvis fans travel on pilgrimage to Graceland. Over the course of our lives, many make a trip to places which have significance

for them. People travel to a particular place to pay tribute, to reflect, and to be inspired.

While the 'making of a pilgrimage' is a familiar practice within the realms of history, sports, etc., it is equally a familiar practice in the religious world. People of various religions 'go on pilgrimage,' traveling to Jerusalem, Rome, Mecca, Lourdes, and countless other sacred sites, to pay tribute and to be inspired. For the Catholic, a pilgrimage reminds us of our primary journey and purpose – eternal life with God. The Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 11:13-14, reminds us that we are on pilgrimage, "...exiles on the earth...seeking a homeland."

Perhaps countless Catholics are unaware of the fact that they go 'on pilgrimage' every Lent in their parish churches when they pray *the Stations of the Cross*.

In the early centuries of the Church, devout Catholics from various parts of the known world traveled to the Holy Land, and walked the path our Lord tread, from the site of his condemnation by Pilate, to the place of his crucifixion on the Hill of Calvary. The travels of these people to the Holy Land and their journey through Jerusalem to the Hill of Calvary was a pilgrimage. It was a powerful expression of their love of God and their desire to grow closer to the Lord. Over the succeeding centuries, the wars and conquests that enveloped the Holy Land made it almost impossible to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. So, by the 16th century, with the approval and

support of popes, the Franciscans had developed the Stations of the Cross so Catholics, unable to travel to the Holy Land, could go on 'spiritual pilgrimage to Jerusalem,' walking in the footsteps of Christ – walking *with* Christ in their own parish churches.

From our nation's history, we know the Pilgrims at Plymouth journeyed as seekers of a new and better life. The Holy Year pilgrim of today seeks to know the Lord Jesus better, to connect with God on a deeper and more intimate level. The act of making a pilgrimage is a statement about our spiritual life, and our personal quest for holiness.

During Holy Year 2025, we in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, are encouraged to retrieve a sense of pilgrimage in our faith life, to more mindfully encounter God on our life's journey

What is an Indulgence?

An indulgence is a reminder of God's faithful love. Admittedly, over the centuries, there have been misunderstandings as well as abuses regarding the granting of indulgences. However, correctly understood, an indulgence proclaims God's justice, relies on God's mercy, and acknowledges the mission of the Church as an instrument of God's mercy in the world. The faithful Christian, who is spiritually prepared, receives this favor,

this benefit under certain conditions, through the action of the Church (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1471). An indulgence is a remission, before God, of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation.

What is Temporal Punishment?

In Catholic teaching, temporal punishment refers to the need for 'purification,' 'making amends' for the harm caused by sin. Every sin offends God. Although sin has been forgiven and absolved in the Sacrament of Penance/Confession, there remain temporary consequences of sin which require purification, either during life, or after death in Purgatory. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity can also eliminate or diminish the temporal punishment due to sin while the individual is alive. This purification is necessary before entering Heaven.

What is the significance of an Indulgence?

Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ in his death and resurrection, the Church, in its ministry of mercy, is empowered to give an indulgence, that is, a full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about a purification of the consequences of sin for an individual. (cf. U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, p.244).

Can an indulgence *only* be applied to the person requesting the favor?

No. An indulgence may be applied either to oneself or to a loved one who has already died.

What are the basic requirements for receiving an Indulgence?

The basic requirements for an indulgence are:

- Visit a Pilgrimage Site
- At the Pilgrimage Site, pray the Apostles Creed and offer prayers for the intentions of our Holy Father (refer to QR code on back page for more information)
- Devoutly receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion within two weeks of your visit.

Additionally, it is recommended to participate in a spiritual or charitable work of mercy or an act of penance, e.g., visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, etc., "...in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them..."

Can those who are homebound receive indulgences?

Absolutely. They are encouraged to do so by praying the Lord's Prayer, reciting the Apostles' Creed, and offering other prayers for the good of the Church, local and universal. The homebound join in pilgrimage by offering up their sufferings and discomfort in union with the Church.

Please keep track of the pilgrimage sites you visit throughout the year. Each Pilgrimage location will be open during daylight hours.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

415 Hamilton Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Mary's Church, Canton

66 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Mary's Church, Clayton

521 James Street, Clayton, NY 13624

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

Holy Family Church, Watertown

129 Winthrop Street, Watertown, NY 13601

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

Precious Blood Monastery, Watertown

400 Pratt Street, Watertown, NY 13601

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Stephen's Church, Croghan

9748 State Route 812, Croghan, NY 13327

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Alphonsus' Church, Tupper Lake

48 Wawbeek Avenue, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Forge

103 Crosby Boulevard, Old Forge, NY 13420

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Mary's Church, Ticonderoga

18 Father Jogues Place, Ticonderoga, NY 12883

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh

114 Cornelia Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

Mother Cabrini Shrine

at St. Patrick's Oratory, West Peru

51 Patent Road, Peru, NY 13972

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

Notre Dame Church, Malone

11 Church Place, Malone, NY 12953

Date:

Visited with whom:

Prayer reflection:

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Intentions of the Holy Father can be found at clicktopray.org or scan this QR Code:



For more information about the Jubilee Year:

Go to rcdony.org/jubilee2025 or scan this QR code:



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