

Holy See Jubilee of Mercy Logo



The logo, the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik, together with the motto, provide a fitting summary of the Jubilee of Mercy. The image represents the Son taking upon his shoulders the lost soul. This demonstrates that the love of Christ completes the mystery of his incarnation leading to redemption.

The artist, best known for his mosaics, works in the tradition of sacred iconography. Using an important shape to medieval iconography, the logo is captured within the mandorla (the shape of an almond.) This shape calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with progressively lighter colors, suggest the movement of Christ carrying humanity out of the night of sin and death. The depth of the darker color also suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

The design expresses the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity with divine love and the power to change lives. A feature important to note, in his Great Mercy the Good Shepherd takes humanity upon himself, thus his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ.

The motto “Merciful Like the Father” (from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) is an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure.

the **DOORS** of **MERCY** *Have been opened*

Enter and let God’s mercy flow to you.
Leave and carry God’s message of mercy to others.

Corporal Works

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Visit the sick
Shelter the homeless
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works

Admonish the sinner
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Comfort the sorrowful
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive all injuries
Pray for the living and the dead

The Holy Father invites us to take up these corporal and spiritual acts of mercy with joy during this Holy Year.



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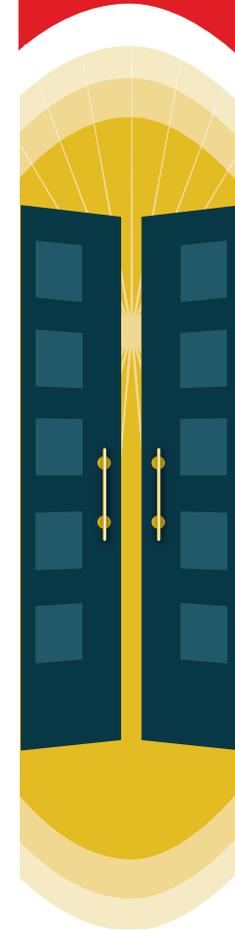
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Rite of the Opening of
the Door of Mercy

December 13, 2015



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Closing Celebrations of
the Extraordinary Jubilee

November 13, 2016

What is the Jubilee of Mercy?

The Holy Year of Mercy, **December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**, was inspired by the Holy Spirit. In his *Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*, the

Holy Father states “We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it.” He asks us to give greater focus to mercy, so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives.

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This year is unique because “it is based upon a theme:” the call to mercy. Pope Francis is calling the Church to its missionary priority built on the central content of the Gospel “to be a sign of mercy in every aspect of its pastoral life,” said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization.

During this year the Holy Father calls upon us to “keep alive the desire to know how to welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer, who are alone and abandoned, without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father’s love.”

Some practical ways the Holy Father offered to live this Holy Year are by going on a pilgrimage; not judging or condemning but forgiving and giving; avoiding gossip, envy and jealousy; having an heart open to the fringes of society; and bringing consolation, mercy and solidarity to people who live in precarious situations.

What is a Holy Door?

The Holy Door is a tangible symbol and invitation to follow Christ, leaving the past of sin behind and crossing the threshold into the light of Grace. Jesus said: “Amen, I say to you, I am the gate [door]” (John 10:7) “No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6.)

Rituals of opening Holy Doors for holy years date as far back as 1499, when a wooden door was opened by Pope Alexander VI on Christmas Eve, beginning the Holy Year 1500.

Holy Doors during this Jubilee of Mercy:

- On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Door at Saint Peter Basilica (cast of bronze in 1950) will become a Door of Mercy.
- Doors of Mercy will also be opened on the December 13, 2015 in locations throughout the world.
- The Door of Mercy for the **Diocese of Cleveland will be at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist.**
- **What can you do?** Visit the Diocese of Cleveland Doors of Mercy. With dedicated sacrifice we can receive and share mercy.

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experience
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Pope Francis
Bull of Indiction of the
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Holy Doors at St. Peter Basilica

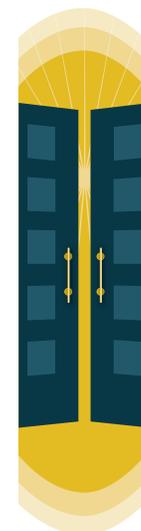
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The logo of the Jubilee Doors of Mercy, with the motto “Love hopes and bears all things” is for the Diocese of Cleveland.

Just as the Holy Doors are a tangible symbol, the logo for the diocese is an open invitation to take action. The image in the logo is an illustration of the Cleveland Diocese Doors of Mercy at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, but

also is reminiscent in style of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The perspective of the doors intends to give the impression of either entering or leaving. Encouraging the people of the diocese to enter and let God’s mercy flow. Leave and carry God’s message of mercy to others.

The image was designed to tie us to the universal celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy Year by reflecting the style, shape and colors of the Holy See’s logo. The motto, from the Hymn of the Jubilee of Mercy (based on 1 Corinthians 13:7), inspires us to let go of our sins and burdens, but also to reach out to others with Love in their times of need. The bold sans-serif treatment of the words “Love” and “All Things” is a secondary message to be that living sign of Christ to all those you encounter in your daily life.



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