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PROGRAM

Friday 26 September

h 8:00-17:00 Pilgrimage to the Holy Door

h 18:30-19:30 Prayer Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican

Saturday 27 September

h 10:00 Jubilee Audience with the Holy Father

h 12:00-16:00 Pilgrimage to the Holy Door

h 16:00-17:30 Catechesis in various Roman churches, in language groups

Sunday 28 September

h 10:00 Mass in St. Peter's Square presided over by the Holy Father Leo XIV with the institution of new catechists

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Friday 26 September 2025

Prayers for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Door

In Piazza Pia, the pilgrimage leader introduces the celebration: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All answer:

Amen.

Leader:

May the God of Hope, Who in the Word made Flesh Fills us with every joy and peace in our faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be among us.

All answer:

Blessed be the Lord, our hope.

Scripture Reading:

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS 5,1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

After the reading, a brief silence is observed.

Leader:

Let us set out in the name of Christ: The way who leads to the Father, The truth who makes us free, The life who renews The world.

The pilgrimage to the Holy Door begins carrying the Jubilee cross.

PSALM 122 (121)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. There thrones for judgment were set,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they prosper who love you!
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!"
For my brethren and companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord
our God,

I will seek your good.

Approaching the Church of S. Maria in Traspontina, a brief reflection takes place:

"Spes non confundit" (24)

"Hope finds its supreme witness in the *Mother of God*. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life ... At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God... In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope ... amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.

3 Hail Marys

PSALM 83 (84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest in which she puts her young— Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God! Blessed they who dwell in your house! continually they praise you.
Blessed the one who finds his refuge in you
And has your ways in his heart

Passing through the valley of tears These are turned into fresh springs Even the first rain Adorns him in blessings

His strength grows along the path Until he stands before God in Sion Lord God of hosts, listen to my prayer, Listen to me God of Jacob

O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

I had rather live one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is my light and my shield. The Lord grants grace and glory He does not refuse good things To those who walk in the paths of integrity

Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who takes refuge in you.

The Litany of the Saints is recited or sung.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**. Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Saint Michael, pray for us. Holy Angels of God, pray for us. St. John the Baptist, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us. Saint Andrew, pray for us. Saint John, pray for us. Holy Apostles and Evangelists, **pray for us**. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us. Holy disciples of the Lord, pray for us. Saint Stephen, pray for us. Saint Ignatius Of Antioch, pray for us. Saint Lawrence, pray for us. Saints Perpetua and Felicity, **pray for us**. Saint Agnes, pray for us. Holy Martyrs Of Christ, pray for us. Saint Gregory, pray for us. Saint Augustine, pray for us. Saint Martin, pray for us. Saints Cyril And Methodius, pray for us. Saint Benedict, pray for us.

Saint Francis, pray for us.
Saint Dominic, pray for us.
Saint Francis [Xavier], pray for us.
Saint Philip Neri, pray for us.
Saint John [Vianney], pray for us.
Saint Catherine [of Siena], pray for us.
Saint Teresa [of Avila], pray for us.
St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us.
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, pray for us.
Saint Faustina Kowalska, pray for us.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, **pray for us**. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, **pray for us**. Saint Paul VI, **pray for us**. Saint John Paul II, **pray for us**. All Saints Of God, **pray for us**.

Through your mercy, Lord, **save your people**.

From all that is evil, Lord, save your people. From all sin, Lord, save your people. From eternal death, Lord, save your people.

Through your incarnation, Lord, **save** your people.

Through your death and resurrection,

Lord, save your people.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit Lord, save your people.

For sinners, **Lord graciously hear us**. Comfort and enlighten your Holy Church,

Lord graciously hear us.

Protect the Pope, the bishops and priests and all ministers of the Gospel,

Lord graciously hear us

Send new laborers into the harvest, Lord

graciously hear us

Grant justice and peace to the world,

Lord graciously hear us.

Come to the aid of all who are suffering or in pain, Lord graciously hear us.

Protect and confirm in your holy service all those who are consecrated to you, Lord graciously hear us.

Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our prayer.

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During the pilgrimage psalms can be sung. Taking into account the time it may take to reach the Holy Door, some decades of the Rosary may also be recited.

When the Holy Door is reached the following psalm is recited:

PSALM 23 (24)

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? or who may stand in his holy place? He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks him.

that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up, 0 gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up, 0 gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory. After entering the Basilica, the following prayers are recited for the intentions of the Holy Father:

Our Father 3 Hail Marys Glory be to the Father

On arrival at the Tomb of the Apostle Peter, the Profession of Faith is made:

I believe in one God

If the one presiding is an ordained minister, the pilgrimage concludes with a blessing.

If the person presiding is a layperson, the following is said:

Let us bless the Lord

All answer:

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Vigil

Jubilee Hymn

Pilgrims of Hope

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.

As the choir leads the Jubilee Hymn, the Pro-Prefect enters, accompanied by deacons and altar servers. The Pro-Prefect, addresses the assembly:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

Then he gives the liturgical greeting:

Peace be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Dear catechists, we are in this Basilica, dedicated to the Apostle Peter, pilgrims from our own dioceses, to draw from his testimony a renewed Christian commitment.

May the grace of the Jubilee Year, profoundly transform our hearts, strengthen us in hope, make us rich in humanity and make of us authentic witnesses of the Gospel of Christ.

Now, with confidence, we invoke God, Father of mercy, that He may bless this water with which we will be sprinkled in memory of our Baptism.

May the memory of our Christian vocation purify our hearts and give new impetus to our missionary commitment.

Everyone prays for a few moments in silence. Then the Pro-Prefect continues:

Holy Father, light and life of every creature, in your immense love for mankind not only do you support us through your providence, but also, through the outpouring of your Spirit, you purify us from our sins and lead us always back to Christ, our head and Lord.

In the plan of your mercy you wanted man and woman, immersed as sinners in the waters of Baptism, to die with Christ and rise, innocent, to new life, as members of his body and heirs to his Kingdom.

Bless * and sanctify this water which will be sprinkled on us, so that it may be a reminder of the baptismal font in which we were made new creatures in Christ and living temples of your Spirit.

Grant to us your faithful, gathered here today, to come together, purified by your love, to the Jerusalem of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

The Pro-Prefect sprinkles himself and the people. Meanwhile, a suitable hymn is sung.

L'Acqua Viva

Chi berrà la mia acqua non avrà più sete in eterno e quest'acqua sarà per lui fonte di vita per l'eternità.

Affannati e stanchi, voi oppressi e poveri venite, attingete con gioia a Lui alla sorgente di felicità.

Fiumi di acqua viva sgorgheranno in colui che crederà nel Signore che dona a noi l'acqua di vita e di verità.

Percuotendo una roccia dissetasti il popolo in cammino. Fa' che sempre noi camminiam nel tuo timore nella fedeltà.

Fonte inesauribile pace eterna, carità perfetta, noi a mensa con Te sediam, dolce, immensa, santa Trinità. Amen.

The Pro-Prefect

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, who hid your truth from the learned and the powerful and revealed it to little ones. Give us, in your Spirit, a childlike heart, that we might have the joy of believing and the free will to obey the word of your Son and to be worthy proclaimers and witnesses of the Word that brings salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, and lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

The deacon, after asking for a blessing, takes the book of the Gospels and goes to the ambo.

Canto della Risurrezione

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantiamo al Signore risorto che ha vinto la morte, la sua gloria risplende nel cielo e fa gioire la terra. Alleluia, Alleluia...

The deacon proclaims three extracts from the Gospel of Luke, interspersed with invocations.

Deacon:

Let us listen to the word of the Lord from the Gospel \maltese according to Luke (24,13-33A) The disciple's faith put to the test: confusion and discouragement

That very day two of the dsiciples were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

After a brief moment of silence, a reader leads the invocations to which the assembly responds in song.

Lord Jesus, many times we have given in to discouragement and to the temptation not to talk about you.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, many times justice and truth have not accompanied us.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, we have not always been faithful and ready to spread the Gospel of peace.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Deacon:

₩ (Lk 24,17-27):

The mystery of Jesus Christ dead and risen

Jesus said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

After a brief moment of silence, the reader leads the invocations, to which the assembly responds in song.

Lord Jesus, many times we have been slow to believe all that you have told us.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, many times we have bent your word to our personal desires and opinions.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, we have not always understood and welcomed into our lives the mystery of your death and resurrection. R. Kyrie eleison.

Deacon:

₩ (24,28-33a):

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

As they drew near to the village to which they were going, he acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

After a brief moment of silence, the reader leads the invocations, to which the assembly responds in song.

Lord Jesus, many times our sharing of the One Bread has not been accompanied by love for the poor.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, our communities often do not reflect your Gospel.

R. Kyrie eleison.

Lord Jesus, we have not always allowed ourselves to be passionately engaged by your word and your life.

R. Kyrie eleison.

When the invocations have concluded, the deacon approaches the celebrant with the Book of the Gospels; the Pro-Prefect kisses it and blesses the assembly with it. Meanwhile, the assembly sings:

Canto della Risurrezione

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

TESTIMONIES AND HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

After the homily and a brief period of silence, the Pro-Prefect introduces the profession of faith:

Brothers and sisters, through Baptism we have become participants of the paschal mystery of Christ, we were buried together with him in death,

to rise with him to new life. Now, after hearing the Word of God, supported by the testimony of the Apostle Peter, we renew the profession of faith of our Baptism and commit ourselves to being courageous proclaimers and witnesses of the message of salvation.

After a brief silent pause, he continues:

Do you believe in God, The Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

The cantor: I believe, I believe, Lord. R. I believe, I believe, Lord.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose again from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I believe, I believe, Lord.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting?

R. I believe, I believe, I ord.

This is our faith.
This is the faith of the Church.
And we are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.
R. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After the profession of faith, the Pro-Prefect introduces the prayers of the faithful

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life. Grant us your grace, so that we might not be mere listeners, but bearers of your word and servants of the truth.

Cantor: Dominum deprecemur

R. Te rogamus, audi nos

Christ, Son of God, you came into the world to proclaim the Father's love for all mankind; increase our faith. R.

Christ, obedient servant of the Father, who proclaim 'blessed' those who listen to the word of God and put it into practice; following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary may we treasure your words in our hearts. R.

Christ, Good Master, you give wisdom to the little ones, send your Spirit down on us, so that we may know the mysteries of the Kingdom. R.

Christ, shepherd of our souls, you cause your word to resonate in the Church; may the knowledge of the truth strengthen ever more the bonds of our fraternal communion. R.

Christ, light of the world, guide our steps so that we may walk freely and with joy in the way of your precepts. R.

Christ, Savior of the world, raise up among us new missionaries of the Gospel, so that your word may spread and be glorified throughout the earth. R.

BLESSING OF CATECHISTS

The Pro-Prefect, with his arms outstretched, recites the prayer of blessing:

Father of light,
we praise you and bless you
for all the signs of your love.
You have caused these children of yours to be reborn
from water and the Holy Spirit
in the womb of Mother Church
and you have called them as catechists
to listen to, to announce, and to transmit the saving word.
At the school of the divine Master
you lead them to the knowledge of the mystery
which is hidden from the learned and the wise
and revealed to the little ones.

May they grow in faith until they reach full maturity in Christ, and become a living testimony of the Gospel. May Mary, seat of wisdom and mother of hope intercede for them

May your Holy Spirit grant to each of us the grace of collaborating in simplicity and joy with the Bishops and priests in the building up of your Kingdom to the glory of your name.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer follows:

Pater noster,
qui es in caelis
sanctificetur nomen tuum
adveniat regnum tuum
fiat voluntas tua
sicut in caelo et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidianum
da nobis hodie
et dimitte nobis debita nostra
sicut et nos dimittimus
debitoribus nostris
et ne nos inducas in tentationem
sed libera nos a malo.

FINAL BLESSING

After the prayer, the Pro-Prefect blesses the assembly, extending his hands over the catechists.

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

May God, who revealed in Christ his truth and his love, make you witnesses in the world of his charity and his Gospel.

R. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus who promised to remain with his Church

until the end of time, make your words and your works effective.

R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit come down upon you, so that you may be true cooperators and ministers of the word.

R. Amen.

Then he blesses all those present saying:

And may the blessing of almighty God Father ♣ Son ♣ and Holy Spirit ♣ come down on you and remain with you forever

R. Amen.

The dismissal:

Proclaim the Gospel of hope to all. Go in peace.

R. Let us give thanks to God.

Hymn

Alzati e va'

Alzati e va' ed annuncia la mia Parola, va' incontro al mondo e proclama il mio Vangelo. Alzati e va', io ti mando ad ogni uomo, porta la mia gioia e la misericordia.

- 1. Tu sarai per me come segno per il mio popolo, sulle tue labbra porrò la mia Parola.
- 2. Dona la tua vita come pane per ogni uomo. Va', abbraccia il mondo e rischiara le sue tenebre.
- 3. Per le vie del mondo, annunciando la mia salvezza porterai speranza, donerai consolazione.
- 4. Porta il mio Vangelo ai confini della terra e conduci gli ultimi alla festa del perdono.

Saturday 27 September 2025

First Vespers

of the twenty-sixth sunday in Ordinary Time

V. O God, come to our aid R. Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

God, who at the dawn of time created the new light, welcome our song, as evening falls.

Watch over your children, pilgrims in the world; may death not find us prisoners of evil.

Let your light shine in the depths of our hearts, and be a pledge and first fruit of the glory of heaven.

May our voice proclaim you, O triune and one God, may our hearts sing to you, may our spirits adore you. Amen.

ant. 1 Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path, alleluia.

PSALM 118, 105-112

Promise to observe God's commandments

This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you (Jn 15:12).

Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. I have sworn and have made up my mind

to obey your decrees.
Lord, I am deeply afflicted;
by your word give me life.
Accept, Lord, the homage of my lips

Accept, Lord, the homage of my lips and teach me your decrees.

Though I carry my life in my hands, I remember your law. Though the wicked try to ensnare me, I do not stray from your precepts.

Your will is my heritage for ever, the joy of my heart. I set myself to carry out your will in fullness, for ever.

ant. 1 Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path, alleluia.

ant. 2 O Lord, you will show me the fullness of joy in your presence.
Alleluia.

PSALM 15 The Lord is my inheritance God raised Jesus from the dead, freeing him from the pangs of death (Acts 2:24).

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. My happiness lies in you alone.'

He has put into my heart a marvellous love for the faithful ones who dwell in his land.

Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.

Never will I offer their offerings of blood.

Never will I take their name upon my lips.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight:
welcome indeed the heritage that falls
to me!

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,

who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

- ant. 2 O Lord, you will show me the fullness of joy in your presence.
 Alleluia.
- ant. 3 Let every creature, in heaven and on earth, bend the knee at the name of Jesus. Alleluia.

CANTICLE Philippians 2:6-11 Christ, servant of God

Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

ant. 3 Let every creature, in heaven and on earth, bend the knee at the name of Jesus. Alleluia.

SHORT READING Colossians 1:2b-6

Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We have never failed to remember you in our prayers and to give thanks for you to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you show towards all the saints

because of the hope which is stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that vou heard of this when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading and bearing fruit all over the world.

SHORT RESPONSORY

- R. From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.
- From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.
- V. High above the heavens is his glory.
- From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- From the rising of the sun to its setting, great is the name of the Lord.

Magnificat Antiphon

If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets,

they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.

CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN LUKE 1:46-55

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her lowliness: henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones

and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers. to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever

shall be, world without end, Amen.

Magnificat antiphon

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they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.

INTERCESSIONS

God our Father leads us forward with great love towards the joyful day when we enter his rest.

- Our hope is all in you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for Leo our Pope, and our bishops:

guide them and bless them in their work.

- Our hope is all in you, Lord God.

Help the sick to share their sufferings with Christ:

may they know in him the fullness of life and love.

- Our hope is all in you, Lord God.

Lord, you found nowhere to lay your head:

make us aware of the needs of the homeless today.

- Our hope is all in you, Lord God.

Defend your people from every danger: That we may live in prosperity and peace.

- Our hope is all in you, Lord God.

Have mercy on those who have died in the peace of Christ:

receive them into the home you have prepared for them.

- Our hope is all in you, Lord God.

Our Father.

PRAYER

Lord, you reveal your mighty power most of all by your forgiveness and compassion:

fill us constantly with your grace as we hasten to share the joys you have promised us in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Sunday 28 September 2025

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION WITH THE INSTITUTION OF NEW CATECHISTS

presided over by the Holy Father Leo XIV in St. Peter's Square

JUBILEE HYMN

Pilgrims of Hope

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word. Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time.

Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled 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 tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen