



JUBILEE OF ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL

8-9 february 2025

USEFUL INFORMATION



DICASTERIUM PRO EVANGELIZATIONE
SECTIO DE QUÆSTIONIBUS FUNDAMENTALIBUS
EVANGELIZATIONIS IN MUNDO

Dear Pilgrims,

In preparation for the 2025 Holy Year, we have put together this short practical guide which we hope will provide useful information about the JUBILEE OF ARMED FORCES, POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS, scheduled for 8-9 February 2025.

This guide offers information about the great Jubilee event, and is aimed at those serving in the armed forces and the police, traffic wardens, security officials, veterans, military associations and academies, military chaplaincies and ordinariates but it is also designed to be of assistance to family members and friends who may wish to join your pilgrimage.

We would ask that you distribute this guide widely, so that everyone can feel invited and involved in this event. We thank you for the initiatives you are carrying forward, and look forward to meeting up with you in Rome in a few months.

JUBILEE EVENTS REGISTRATION

As regards registration for events, this can now be done through the official website of the Vatican Dicastery responsible for the Jubilee by [clicking here](#).

After having entered all the required data, you should select “**Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Officials**” under the heading “Registration for events”, entering your name and that of the other people who will be on your pilgrimage, up to a maximum of 60 people.



THE QR-CODE REFERS TO
THE EVENT PAGE

If the group numbers more than 60 people, you can send an email to pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va initially indicating the Jubilee event or the date of the pilgrimage in which you wish to participate, together with an estimate of the number of pilgrims.

The person acting as **group leader** must then **register personally** on the portal on the Jubilee website, in the [Reserved Area](#), in order to obtain the necessary QR-code.

Only in this way will it be possible for the Dicastery to connect the list provided with the names of the participants in the reservation already made.

Once the registration has been completed, **it will be possible to use the Pilgrim Card of the contact person for the entire group.**

[Click here](#) to download the form to be filled in with the names of all those taking part in the pilgrimage: simply enter the name and surname of each participant, adding, (for pilgrims with disabilities), an “X” in the relevant box. If the type of disability is not among those listed, please record it in the “Other” box.

If the list undergoes **changes** (additions, cancellations, other variations etc.) you can send a new version, which the Dicastery will use to update the previous booking. Only send changes when you are absolutely certain about the names to be registered.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
January 8, 2025

PILGRIM'S CARD

The **Pilgrim's Card** is a free digital card which will be required to participate in Jubilee events. Pilgrims can obtain it by registering online at iubilaeum2025.va, or via the official smartphone app “[iubilaeum25](#)” or by going in person to the Info Point, located in via della Conciliazione 7. With the Pilgrim's Card, you can book your pilgrimage to the **Holy Doors** and participate in all the **Jubilee events**.



The card also allows pilgrims to benefit from discounts for transport, accommodation, refreshments and museums in Rome. Each Card will have a personalized QR-code, generated at the time of registration, which will be used to authenticate the pilgrim's identity when accessing event locations and obtaining discounts.

It will be possible to purchase a 'physical' version of the Pilgrim's Card at the Info Point, so as to always have it with you and to take home as a souvenir of a historic pilgrimage to Rome.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR

As indicated in the Papal Bull “**Spes non Confundit**” the only Holy Doors that will be opened during the Holy Year will be those of the four Major Basilicas of Rome. The only exception, by the express will of the Holy Father, will be the extraordinary opening of a Holy Door in a prison.

Only the Jubilee organizing committee can grant the **(free) authorization** and the necessary instructions for **passage** through the Holy Door.

It is possible to book a slot, via the website, for the day and time you intend to make the pilgrimage to the Holy Door, choosing one of the four Major Basilicas, for up to a maximum of 60 people.

For larger numbers, in addition to the group leader’s registration on the Portal, please send an email to pilgrim@iubilaeum2025.va specifying, in addition to the date and time, also the indicative number of pilgrims who will participate.

To complete the registration, you will be asked to send a list with the names of all the participants.

In this case, in the same way as is required for registration for Jubilee events, the person acting as group leader must register personally on the portal on the Jubilee website under the section entitled [Reserved Area](#) in order to obtain the QR-code, and book the pilgrimage to the Holy Door. The group leader should book - as an individual - the desired time slot [by clicking here](#).

Those who have not booked through the site/app or by email, will still be able to make their pilgrimage to the Holy Door: in this case, please go to the Jubilee Info Point (via della Conciliazione, 7), where the volunteers will be able to indicate the first available time slot.

The meeting point for the beginning of the Pilgrimage to the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will be in **Piazza Pia**: from here, a procession will begin, led by accompanying prayers, which will cross Via della Conciliazione, Piazza Pio XII, to reach the Holy Door and thus enter St. Peter's Basilica.

There will be **security checks** to access the Holy Door. Pilgrims must pass the rapiscan, following the instructions of the volunteers. It is recommended to bring as few bags as possible and they must not contain materials that could constitute health or security risk.

TESTIMONIUM

By participating in Jubilee events or making a pilgrimage to the Holy Door, you can obtain a testimonium confirming your participation in the 2025 Holy Year. This can be requested on the website and then collected at the Jubilee Info Point , in via della Conciliazione, 7.

It can be personalized by providing your name to the volunteers on duty at the Infopoint.

Pilgrims are asked to ensure that they obtain only the authorized Testimonium, avoiding any unofficial imitations, which may be offered for the payment of a fee.



INITIATIVES IN THE DIOCESES

In the dioceses, ahead of the Jubilee or in conjunction with the Jubilee events in Rome, **initiatives of various kinds may be organized - pastoral, spiritual, or cultural events**. Such initiatives are run directly by the dioceses concerned, following the indications provided in the Bull of Indiction. Once an event is planned, you can **inform the organizing committee of the Holy Year**, so that the event can also be included in the calendar on the official channels of the Jubilee.

As provided for in the document promulgated by the Apostolic Penitentiary **“Norms on the Granting of Indulgences during the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025”** ... **“All diocesan bishops and eparchs and those who are equivalent to them in law, on the most appropriate day of this jubilee period, on the occasion of the main celebration in the cathedral and in the individual jubilee churches, may impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence, obtainable by all the faithful who receive this Blessing under the usual conditions.”**.

JUBILEE VISA REQUEST

A special “**Jubilee Tourism**” visa is available for those participating in pilgrimages to Rome organized by local dioceses.

In preparation for Jubilee 2025, the Visa Unit of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and the Dicastery for Evangelization – Section for Fundamental Questions of Evangelization in the World (DPE) agreed a “**Modus Procedendi**” to facilitate the issuing of entry visas to Italy for the faithful who intend to go on pilgrimage to Rome and other sacred places in Italy.

On the Jubilee website you can find information on:

- the **application form** to be submitted to Embassies or Consulates to request this type of visa;
- a note with **practical instructions** for completing the application;
- the **list of countries** subject to visa requirements;
- the text of the agreement established between MAECI and DPE.

For further information [click here](#)

Jubilee Hymn

“Pilgrims of Hope”

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

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.

Rit.

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.

Rit.

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.

Rit.



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

Francis

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PROGRAM

Saturday 8 February

- h 8:00-17:00** Pilgrimage to the Holy Door
- h 15:00-17:00** Welcome ceremony with brass band concert in Piazza del Popolo

Sunday 9 February

- h 10:30** Holy Mass presided over by the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square

Registration deadline
8 January 2025