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MESSAGE For Jubílee Year 2025

Greetings of Love and Hope!

Amidst the continuing challenges and turmoil facing the families today, the Jubilee Year 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope is an opportune time for strengthening our faith, uplifting our hope and pouring out our love in the service for others.

Let us all be Pilgrims of hope as we journey in synodality in living our faith and carrying out our mission of evangelizing all families with new fervor and creative approaches. With what is currently happening to families, it is easy to give up and lose hope. The call is to continue trusting and hoping in Jesus . No matter what happens, we know we are in the palm of God's hand. Let us continue to have faith and hope in God that he will not leave and abandon us, that he is with us until the end of time. With our unwavering faith, the Lord will bestow upon us the gift of hope.

Let us embark on a Pilgrimage of Hope, so that together, we can reach out to our brothers and sisters especially to those who live in the margins of society where there is so much despair, hopelessness and pain brought about by poverty, violence, terrorism, climate crisis, disasters, and countless afflictions of mind, body and spirit. Let us strive to find and bring hope to them despite adversities and challenges that come our way.

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Let us count our blessings and be grateful for them. Let us share these blessings to others. We have a collective responsibility to share our blessings to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need. A word of encouragement to one who is in despair, or to a family who has lost a loved one could bring comfort and hope. A simple pat at the back to show appreciation and confidence can spark more hope to do more or to do well. A visit to a sick brother or sister could bring hope of healing and recovery and joy to the sick community member. A modest donation to the food feeding program of your parish would go a long way in alleviating hunger for that day. There are countless and creative ways to help and give hope to others. As the Lord says, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink" (Mt 25:35-36). "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me. (Mt. 25:40)

Let us pray to our Blessed Mother Mary who is the Mother of Hope to fill our community with God's love, joy and hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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