



# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

## Archbishop of Adelaide

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Dear brothers in Christ,

### Re: Year of Jubilee 2025

Grace and peace, I hope this note finds you well.

The 2025 Jubilee Year is a time for renewal, reflection, and spiritual growth. It gives us a chance to rediscover God's love, reconcile with others, and contribute to building a more just and merciful world. Through pilgrimages, reconciliation, prayer, and acts of charity, the Jubilee invites us to grow spiritually and embrace our roles as peacemakers and witnesses to Christ's love.

A Jubilee Year serves as reminder of the Church's mission to heal divisions, restore relationships, and embrace hope. The 2025 Jubilee Year theme, *Spes Non Confundit (Hope Does Not Disappoint)*, calls us to anchor our lives in the steadfast hope that comes from God.

#### 1. Opening

The Jubilee year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican on December 24<sup>th</sup> 2024. In the Archdiocese of Adelaide, I will open the Holy Year with **Mass at Midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2024** the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. The Jubilee will end on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2025.

#### 2. Pilgrimage

With the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, the Holy Father invites us on a journey "to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us." Three places within the Archdiocese of Adelaide are designated as pilgrimage sites for the Holy Year:

- a) St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide
- b) St. Joseph's Church in Penola
- c) St. Aloysius' Church in Sevenhill

#### 3. Indulgences

A key feature of this Holy Year is the opportunity to gain an indulgence, part of the Catholic tradition aimed at deepening one's relationship with God and neighbour. Details on how to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence are provided from the Community Life and Worship Office.

Opportunities for prayer at each of the pilgrimage sites will be advertised throughout the year as well as occasions when the Papal Blessing with the plenary indulgence will be imparted. The Archdiocesan website will continue to provide resources and information about the Jubilee Year.

Whether making a physical pilgrimage, praying for the intentions of others, or performing works of mercy, each act brings us closer to God and strengthens our hope in the Lord's promises. Let this Jubilee Year be a time of grace for us all in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

In Domino,

+Patrick O'Regan  
Archbishop of Adelaide