## **Jubilee Year Activities**

1. **Open with the Jubilee Prayer –** Open each class with the Jubilee Prayer throughout the year and pick out a phrase after you recite the prayer to challenge students to remember and live out in a special way. Phrases of the day might be “reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom” or “tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel” or “may that same grace spread to the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.”
2. **Organize a Local Pilgrimage –** Schedule a class pilgrimage to your diocese’s cathedral or other sacred site designated by the bishop as the place to celebrate the Jubilee Year.
3. **Decorate Your Own Holy Door –** Decorate the door of your classroom with sacred images created by your students. Ask them to prayerfully enter the classroom throughout the year in solidarity with the pilgrims who are traveling to Rome.
4. **Practice Works of Mercy –** Teach the students about the [works of mercy (lesson plan here)](https://www.thereligionteacher.com/worksofmercy-lessonplan-activities/) and then select one work of mercy per week or per day to practice as a class. Remind the students that these works of mercy can be ways in which they can obtain an indulgence (after following the ordinary dispensation requirements).
5. **Follow Jubilee Events –** Specific groups are invited to make pilgrimages at specific times throughout the year. The Jubilee of Youth, for example, is scheduled for the end of July/beginning of August. Look at the [official websites’s online calendar](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/calendario/calendario-generale.html) and feature virtually some of the events in class.

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[Jubilee Year Lesson Plan, Activities, & Worksheet | The Religion Teacher | Catholic Religious Education](https://www.thereligionteacher.com/jubileeyear-lessonplan-activities/?utm_source=The+Religion+Teacher+Newsletter+List&utm_campaign=a523c537d3-TRT%3A+Weekly+Newsletter+1-12-25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a52a2eb0e6-a523c537d3-326869361&mc_cid=a523c537d3&mc_eid=2f8adcdc16)

## **Here are 6 resources to make 2025 a year of hope:**

**The Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee of Hope:** [*Spes non Confundit*](https://d4g6zb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/I9%2B113/d4G6ZB04/VWqjps3p_ZrvW463Qgl3rjrTRW2C4PM95qCP6JN6N1vZx2_3wgW8wLKSR6lZ3mcW4Vf5fH3_vBqkVcqK6G1wDXClW5fYzS_2T-0KqW57nyKK3LS1K8W218x1J3rw1bRW56YD1n6vf6MMW2sMGJX152PHJW4d9mLm717qKdW4kGXYy4P6F5nW82jyJL6rh1nQN3YXtQxNpBr6W4B386H8vPYk6W2hHxzM69gy1qW33mDdc4pVYxGW23yP7F45lyXlW4Kmm1J4vk0t0W2V26pK4sXSdYW2B1qNV64KR9yVSPlyx44BVBlW5Y-rwC1zl8YLW1t5SSQ4FhpFBVmdKBt52d-9lW5VMFTx3k9D2lN88Wr_xhLmqHN6fCBsCYJsdGV_xPxq668n6bW77Jp4m7Vr1qkW6pP3rX6pytDNdw1L-404) offers a short survey of why we dare to hope. My favorite section is where Pope Francis meditates on our hope for life everlasting, in which we desire eternal life as our happiness (nos. 19 and 20).

**On Suffering, Hope and Forever:** [Sherry Antonetti](https://d4g6zb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/I9%2B113/d4G6ZB04/VWqjps3p_ZrvW463Qgl3rjrTRW2C4PM95qCP6JN6N1vYF2_3wgW6N1vHY6lZ3mzW5LK4KB40bF6qW73Rg-J5wfClpMSlBhT7VhqBW68jKm219PcCDW7QJ3XB6HX37XW5zqGwX2THQdpVCw6Mk82LH2jW6Lxc1j4sqHPfW3tWVCh7GmLKqW71X8Nv46BdctW4NBj5c3xHg8ZW7BLZDQ6BHgnFN6MLpnM1xMgcW98fQsC3nMr04W2jYlhy6YJy8RW11jc-w55Qm-PW2qwsHN6nrndcN73M9_-32VpPW1Svk5k2Y_kQnW5JxPCj2_ltS3W1fRPdq77zjjVW7x6vwh1fVVgxf2ZFkQP04) opens up for us the mystery of the Mass when we carry burdens that otherwise would crush us. “It’s a gift to go and offer your trials and sufferings and pains on the altar, and to trust God's goodness to make something holy out of it, to bring to us a peace we would not imagine possible given our pain.”

**History is not random but in God’s hand:** [Pope Benedict](https://d4g6zb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/I9%2B113/d4G6ZB04/VWqjps3p_ZrvW463Qgl3rjrTRW2C4PM95qCP6JN6N1vZx2_3wgW8wLKSR6lZ3mqW2RxSvw4qPwzZW7cnZlN7FGJp5W1qc4Wb24qds8V8FVRY68vNvBVtLJp87l3h2pW6tl0ck8NlzHDN7MLH1BXnVFhW4rLRmn6Pp1CqW6wX8Cy4k-Q0BW7693tc5jQScVN63v2bbf_F6LW8DGXcZ4DCjHvW5WCYGK1n8044W67DnpC5H9yPGW329-Kd5_DP3BVZ8sBD1-l5wdW18-4L13yHHfyW8hl6dX7VGhWnV9hgZp4DF1GRW1tBC4x3TcM3GN77FP_qK9zSpW3V21F22z725dW2hRSqL4mkXGRW7hmBsB5zXGtBW8qDyYM5v4LJrW3RhfPp4kycrqW8pt4KQ8y-YclW8-lt764BLFdqf1Zt8D204) states what our hearts need to hear: “History is not in the hands of dark forces, of chance, or of merely human choice” because “God is not indifferent to human affairs, but penetrates them creating…his projects and his efficacious ‘works.’”

**God’s Watchmen:** The story of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, and [how 500 men have made a commitment](https://d4g6zb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/I9%2B113/d4G6ZB04/VWqjps3p_ZrvW463Qgl3rjrTRW2C4PM95qCP6JN6N1vYY2_3wgW7lCdLW6lZ3nqW50SFPd66tSGhW1mkZV_9c2TXtV6mcKH73D_5PW8WXnbj17XX8wW60q4534X6ZjVW5WL5nD7BBSYhW86bycl5WqPQ7N1pKGPZYP1pvW6X3DJH6GPnzTW5g1NbT7H4N_SW8H8Hv05k2HXxW55hhWt7xJ2-kN4CyDfGhS6fNW27Yc6k62Ph81W2zj-QQ2Z5nW3W8q7wWf18Zr-3W4ckZjw604scjW64GX2k7FJdyRW4RjVKz16PnbHW7w_gmn4v43PJW1Lfm7Y8cxYjsVSVNw93Vydt4W20R2f14F_1bXN8DJFM0QSKg7f1lF2d004) to cover an hour a month in 2025 in the parish’s Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene during the darkest hours of the night.

**A “jubilee,” at its heart, is a time of profound mercy:** A [beautiful Polish tradition](https://d4g6zb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/I9%2B113/d4G6ZB04/VWqjps3p_ZrvW463Qgl3rjrTRW2C4PM95qCP6JN6N1vYF2_3wgW6N1vHY6lZ3lpW8-q8xq2N9GY7W8sPzhk4Clv4MW1VY7cK6rFPtwW2br_mV6krnLnVlNZVr6lk6j8W5GrtTG8glsHpW2MbG7W1lqzmnVw9mgy7LhD-yW2KPZRj63vskjW7NmPMh4ycmK8W5lk5lV6FSnSxW6P9LPQ1hrk0DW79mnGP1wydyHW8vtKh22jJV53W1GVnJm4bdMdrW47fYB092TBkDW3pNYfP6KHtmKW2LSqVS2fj0WyW4bS08n2l2q91W2DK8jT6TrGDhW5FKjVX1GHZQ8N3l_-FvlJj7ndH5jgn04) may hold a key for our living this Jubilee fruitfully. What if we drew up a list of all the things we are angry about, every grudge we hold, then erased the tally and began the Jubilee Year with a fresh slate?

**Pope Francis’ homily on the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord:** “On this night the ‘holy door’ of God’s heart lies open before you. [Jesus, God-with-us, is born for you](https://d4g6zb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Ctc/I9%2B113/d4G6ZB04/VWqjps3p_ZrvW463Qgl3rjrTRW2C4PM95qCP6JN6N1vZd2_3wgW7Y8-PT6lZ3ljW55j-Pz3HfxNzW5nf1B36ffZb2VQYjxR7fc5TlW2WQRfD5XChSSW7SgTNT7BFX7LW2Zf1hL4-ms2BW4j_Rv65Q3w4wW5ZhNDH8GD7ByW8pYNCQ2GmQ_mW5ZZnJ_6NKf45V3-3-r3Hs4r8W8wt6s14ShVg0VKSsfh2M1nLcW7ZRcxm8Hnp8CW5FFkTH4TDF10W5W6RJR3SDPfmW3HJ5nl8K5pcNW6W8TMB4zvzMjW5hPrV157qJdGW5L-lMs56s-BXW7wPmv080MXxqVJR1Tj4mlw1PW5hbMvP8_HZsNW7VVykL57Whx4W1CBJgg3Sfmz3V3sh_s3RHnj7dGX3VF04), for me, for us, for every man and woman. And remember that with him, joy flourishes; with him, life changes; with him, hope does not disappoint.”

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