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Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators,

Greetings and blessings to you this November. As the year comes to a close, we prepare ourselves not only for the new year of 2025 but along with it, the great Jubilee Year for the Universal Church that our Holy Father has themed *"Pilgrims of Hope"*. We are thrilled to announce that we have been working hard preparing materials and resources for the Jubilee Year so that the faith communities throughout our diocese may fully participate as *"pilgrims of hope"* throughout the Jubilee Year.

The following materials for the **Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope** will soon be delivered to every parish and school in our diocese. It includes the following:

- Jubilee Year pilgrimage brochures (1/2 your 2023 mass count in English & Spanish)
- Pilgrimage sticker sheets (1/2 your 2023 mass count in English & Spanish)
- Jubilee Year prayer cards (1/2 your 2023 mass count in English & Spanish)
- 24 Hours for the Lord Act of Contrition prayer cards (100 in each language)
- 3 Reflections on the diocesan themes for the Jubilee Year (English & Spanish)
- Jubilee Year banner (One Banner)
- 24 Hours for the Lord banner (One Banner)

You can also preview these materials on our website at <u>www.scd.org/jubilee2025</u>. Here are instructions on how to utilize each of the items:

Please designate a Sunday during the Advent season that includes preaching on the Jubilee Year and distribution of the pilgrimage brochures, sticker sheets, and Jubilee Year prayer cards to all parishioners (one per family)

Please hang the Jubilee Year Banner in a prominent and widely visible location on parish grounds on or before December 28, 2024. This should be displayed for the entirety of the Jubilee Year from December 28, 2024 – January 6, 2026 (The Solemnity of Epiphany).

Please hang the **24 Hours for the Lord banner on Ash Wednesday** (Wednesday, March 5, 2025) *This banner should be hung in the parish for the entire season of Lent.*

Please make the 24 Hours for the Lord prayer cards available to parishioners during Lent.

The **3 Reflection pages** on the diocesan themes for the Jubilee Year are to be distributed widely for reflection by parish leadership, parish councils, prayer and catechetical groups, and parish families. Feel free to copy or download the PDF from the Diocesan website. Theme one (To See God) should be reflected on January – March of 2025. Theme two (To Be Living Stones) should be reflected on April – June 2025, Theme 3 (Unite Creation in Christ) should be reflected on July – September 2025. From October – December 2025, your parish staff and parish council should reflect on what the parish should do differently to be more effective in it's mission moving forward. The hope is every parish will work on something new coming out of the jubilee year.

To request additional Jubilee Year materials, please contact the Pastoral Center (supplies are limited). If you wish to order additional materials in bulk, please contact Automate Mailing at (916) 381-2106. Again, all of these resources are available in PDF format for emailing or printing. For access, please visit our website at www.scd.org/jubilee2025.