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Dear Youth Ministry Coordinators,

I pray that you and your ministry teams are doing well this Advent season. As we approach Gaudate Sunday in anticipation of celebrating the birth of Jesus, may we be reminded of the joy that Christ brings to each of us.

Friends, the end of 2024 is near – how are you feeling about the way this year has unfolded for you and your ministry? It is that time of year for us to reflect upon this question. Despite the ups and downs, the joys and heartbreaks, and the surprising curve balls that life has thrown you, I pray that you are able to recognize God's presence through it all and the gifts of grace He has presented to you.

As we gear up and prepare ourselves for 2025, I'd like to highlight a few things:

- Our 2025 Jubilee calendar and directory is now available. Please use it as a reference for what's coming up with our offices as well as a directory resource of the services we offer.
- The Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope officially begins on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door in Rome. Our diocese will celebrate a special Vigil Mass to proclaim the Jubilee Year at the Cathedral on Saturday, December 28. For more info about the Jubilee Year, please visit <u>www.scd.org/Jubilee2025</u>
- Lastly, we have our annual ministry leaders formation gathering Epistrepho on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 10am-3pm at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Sacramento. To register, please go to <u>www.scd.org/epistrepho2025</u>

Wishing you, your families, and your youth community a blessed Advent season and a joyous Christmas with many blessings for 2025.

Blessings,

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