



February 10, 2025

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 Holy Year Jubilee of Hope. As I mentioned in my previous Letter to the Diocese on January 10, 2025 ([Letter link here](#)), the Presbyteral Council and I met and have arranged the following churches in our diocese as designated pilgrimage sites on specific days where one may obtain the Holy Year Plenary Indulgence.

1. The Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland and Mission San Jose in Fremont are permanently designated sites for each and every day of the Holy Year. Pilgrims may come as individuals, or arrange group pilgrimages with their parish, school, or clubs: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Knights of Columbus, Confirmation Classes, Divine Mercy, Youth Groups, Legion of Mary, Cursillo & Charismatic Prayer groups, etc.

If you are making a pilgrimage as a group, please contact the Cathedral or Mission San Jose parish offices to make prior arrangements.

2. In order to make the Holy Year pilgrimage indulgence available to as many people as possible, the following churches and chapels in the various regions of the diocese are "Designated Pilgrimage Sites" for one day only:

<i>January 19 (Sun)</i>	<i>Holy Year Opening Mass</i> <i>Cathedral of Christ the Light*</i> www.ctlcathedral.org	<i>Oakland</i>
February 7 (Fri)	St. Bonaventure www.stbonaventure.net	Concord
March 7 (Fri)	Corpus Christi - Region 1 Central www.corpuschristipiedmont.org	Piedmont
<i>April 11 (Fri)</i>	<i>Mission San Jose*</i> www.saintjosephmsj.org	<i>Fremont</i>
May 13 (Tue)	Saint Perpetua - Region 2 Northwest www.stperpetua.org	Lafayette
June 22 (Sun)	Monastery of Discalced Carmelite Nuns www.carmelofkensington.org	Kensington
July 3 (Thu)	Saint Anthony - Region 3 Northeast www.stanthonyoakley.com	Oakley
August 1 (Fri)	Saint Joseph Basilica www.sjbalameda.org	Alameda
September 12 (Fri)	Saint Isidore - Region 4 Southeast www.sichurch.com	Danville
<i>October 7 (Tue)</i>	<i>Cathedral of Christ the Light*</i> www.ctlcathedral.org	<i>Oakland</i>
November 7 (Fri)	Saint Felicitas - Region 5 Southwest www.stfelicitassl.org	San Leandro
<i>December 28 (Sun)</i>	<i>Cathedral of Christ the Light*</i> <i>Holy Year Closing Mass</i> www.ctlcathedral.org	<i>Oakland</i>

*The Cathedral and Mission San Jose are planning special Masses and/or services on these days. Although they are designated sites for the entire Holy Year, they are included on this list for convenience.

On these designated days, these churches will celebrate a morning Mass, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day, and offer extended hours for confessions. In the evening, the bishop will come and close the day by celebrating Holy Hour, Vespers and Benediction.

Please check the parish websites and bulletins closer to the dates for the exact times of Mass, Confession, and Holy Hour.

In order to gain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, pilgrims need to:

1. Make a pious pilgrimage by visiting a designated site
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Go to confession
4. And pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

(You may receive Holy Communion and make your confession during a 'grace period' of 20 days before or after your visit to a pilgrimage church.)

The Holy Father has many other suggestions for prayer and service to the Church connected to the Jubilee theme of "Hope" which you may enjoy reading about here: [Decree on Granting Indulgence Jubilee Year 2025](#)

Please visit our website for more information: www.oakdiocese.org/jubilee-2025.

Please note: This year, these Jubilee Holy Year activities will replace the annual "24 Hours for the Lord" we have been celebrating in Lent in the diocese since 2016.

All the priests of the diocese and I welcome you to our Cathedral, to Old Mission San Jose, and all the regional designated churches for a rich and blessed Jubilee Holy Year of Hope 2025.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessing, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+Michael Barber S.J.". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland