



JUBILEE 2025



February 2025

THE GUIDE TO JUBILEE 2025

The Jubilee 2025, titled **Pilgrims of Hope**, is a special year declared by the Catholic Church, emphasizing spiritual renewal, pilgrimage, and hope for the future. Celebrated every 25 years, the Jubilee offers opportunities for the faithful to seek forgiveness, grace, and indulgences through prayer, reconciliation, and acts of charity. The theme reflects the Church's mission to inspire hope in a world marked by challenges and inviting believers to journey spiritually and physically as pilgrims to sacred sites, particularly Rome. This Jubilee focuses on unity, compassion, and the transformative power of faith in fostering peace and solidarity globally.

As Edmonton Catholic Schools celebrates the Jubilee Year and to help mark this special occasion in our schools and sites, we have included some activities in which you may wish to participate. They include the ideas proposed by Edmonton Catholic Schools, those connected to the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton as well as the Ukrainian Eparchy, and those activities provided by the CCSSA in collaboration with the ACSTA.

Edmonton Catholic Schools:

1. Pray the **Jubilee Prayer** every Wednesday morning from now until the end of December, during your morning prayers and announcements.

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

2. Mark the Jubilee on Monday, May the 26th, in your schools and sites, by celebrating a special Liturgy of the Word, provided by Religious Education Services.
3. Select from a wide variety of activities by the Catholic Archdiocese, the Ukrainian Archdiocese as well as the CCSSA and ACSTA and implement those that most interest your respective schools and sites.



Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton:

The goal in the Archdiocese of Edmonton is to make **Jubilee 2025** “a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’ (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as ‘our hope’” (1 Tim 1:1). (Bull of Indiction, 1)

For the Church, Jubilee 2025 offers a unique opportunity to pursue their three Archdiocesan Pastoral Priorities of Worship, Witness and Service within the context of a major world-wide Catholic event. For that reason, they have categorized the events, opportunities, resources and for Jubilee 2025 according to the Pastoral Priorities.

1. View: Archbishop Richard Smith’s YouTube Video as His Grace explains: [Pilgrims of Hope, Jubilee 2025](#)
2. Visit: [Jubilee-caedm](#) for more information and details about how the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton is marking Jubilee 2025.

Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton:

1. Read: The [Pastoral Letter on the Jubilee Year 2025](#) from the Ukrainian Eparchy of Edmonton.

Council of Catholic School Superintendents of Alberta and the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association:

Jubilee Year: The goal of the Jubilee year and the provided resources are to help schools plan to foster hope through acts of kindness and forgiveness. The year is about emphasizing the importance of hope as outlined in the [Jubilee Bull](#) and encouraging students to perform acts of kindness and forgiveness, reflecting the message of hope and reconciliation.

Jubilee Year: Parish:

Events: Be sure to check out your local parish bulletin and attend diocesan events in your area as a family/school community. Engage in events such as Masses, prayer services, and educational workshops on the Nicæan Creed organized by the diocese. These gatherings reinforce community and shared faith received by the communion of faith throughout history.

Pilgrimages: Be sure to check out your local bulletin and attend various pilgrimage opportunities in the parish. There are some travelling nationally and internationally such as Montreal and to Rome. Contact your local parish to inquire about pilgrimages.



Jubilee Year Template: Schools:

General Resources:	• Logo ◦ Graphic Design Kit • Mascot: Luce ◦ Meaning (Part 1) ◦ Meaning (Part 2) • Jubilee Prayer • Elementary Prayer Card- Div 1(Page1) • Elementary Prayer Card- Div 2 (Page 2) • Junior High Prayer Card (Page 3) • High School Prayer Card (Page 4) • Teacher Prayer Card (Page 5) • Jubilee Song ◦ Jubilee Song Musical Score ◦ Jubilee Song Text • Jubilee Newsletter- Newsletter ◦ What is a jubilee? ◦ Historical Information ◦ Jubilee Doors ◦ Pilgrimage ◦ Indulgences * Note- this is a separate document. • ‘What is the Jubilee?’ PowerPoint (Elementary) • ‘What is the Jubilee?’ PowerPoint (Secondary) • Jubilee Liturgy Master • Jubilee Liturgy Presentation- Elementary • Jubilee Liturgy Presentation- Secondary • What is an Indulgence? Poster • School Jubilee Planning Guide • Virtual Pilgrimage: Saints of the Jubilee Year: December • Virtual Pilgrimage: Marian Apparitions: A timeline pilgrimage. • Letter from the Pope • “Teach us to Pray” Resource • Jubilee Calendar • Papal Bull • Liturgy for Jubilee • Curricular Links for Virtual Pilgrimages
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Pilgrimages For more information on Pilgrimage Planning: Rev. Roger Niedzielski Archdiocese of Edmonton Email: Roger.Niedzielski@caedm.ca	- The Virtual Pilgrimage has been a labor of love for Lili Szakony at Calgary Catholic. Email contact: lili.szakony@cssd.ab.ca. You will see that her dedication and care have been a passion project for Lili. Please note - there will be updates made to the forum. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lili. Virtual Pilgrimage - Pilgrim Passport (built into the Saints Virtual pilgrimage and also available here) - Virtual and school-trip based field trip- Google Earth. Examples include Apparitions of Mary, the Incorruptible Saints, Holy Thursday- Virtually go to the seven churches in Rome, or Eucharistic Miracles. Pilgrimage School Planning Template
Calendar of Events - Ideas Include:	
December	24 December - Opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica 29 December - Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year – Holy Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton The Jubilee officially starts in the Catholic Church.
January	Introduction to the Jubilee-Review and the Introduction to Holy Doors, Indulgences Ideas include: Jubilee Tree: Instructions for the activity. - Special Prayer Services: Organize prayer services or Masses to reflect the themes of mercy, forgiveness, and grace. Invite students, staff, and families to participate and include music, readings, and reflections on the significance of the Jubilee Year.



	• Confession and Reconciliation Day: Plan a special day where students have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You could also invite local priests to guide the students in understanding the importance of the sacrament in the Jubilee Year. • Teach about the Saints of Mercy: Have students learn about saints who exemplified mercy and forgiveness, such as St. Faustina, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. Francis of Assisi. Students can write reports or create posters to display their research.
February 15-18 Jubilee of Artists	Ideas include: • A school-based art project on the theme: Witness through Art: Hope. • Celebrate Art Event: Consider hosting an event (school or division based) to celebrate the Jubilee and the art themes created in class: Have students create artwork based on the themes of the Jubilee Year, such as mercy, forgiveness, and renewal. They can make posters, murals, or digital art that can be displayed around the school.
March Lent: March 5- March 17	• 8 - 9 Jubilee of the World of Volunteering Ideas include: • Introduce the idea of “Debt Relief and Stewardship of Resources”- Develop service projects that assist those in need within the school or local community. Encourage students to volunteer their time to support classmates and others facing difficulties. “Debt relief” • Each school can create a list of things their schools already do to support those in our local community. • Schools may consider a community clean-up project after the snow melts. • Engage in environmental stewardship: Implement projects focused on caring for creation, such as recycling programs, tree planting, and sustainability initiatives. These actions align with the call for ecological responsibility (Laudato Si’, 50-51). • Plant some Jubilee trees on the school property.
April	• 25 - 27 Jubilee of Teenagers



Easter- April 20th	• 28 - 29 Jubilee of People with Disabilities Ideas include: • Celebrate the canonization of Carlo Acutis (April 27) • Support people with disabilities by looking around your school, the playground, and parking lot from the perspective of someone with a disability. What would it be like for a person with limited mobility, limited vision, or hearing loss? What can we do to improve things?
May	• 10 - 11 Jubilee of Marching Bands • May 30 - June 1 Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly Ideas include: • Schools can consider learning the song for the Jubilee. • Host an event to display the gifts and musical band talents of the students in the school taking music, band, jazz band, etc. • Create a Jubilee Wall: Designate a wall or bulletin board where students can post their prayers, reflections, or promises of how they will show mercy and kindness to others especially their grandparents/elders in the community. This could be in the form of written notes or drawings. • Host a Family Event: Plan an event/picnic/BBQ that brings together students and their families to reflect on the significance of the Jubilee Year. This could include a prayer service, fellowship, and opportunities to learn together about the importance of mercy in the Catholic faith. It is a great opportunity to bring like-minded young people together to discuss the importance of faith.
June	• 14- 15 Jubilee of Sport Ideas include: • Mark the Jubilee at Track and Field Meets • Celebrate Athletic achievements throughout the year. • Pilgrimage: Virtual and school-trip based field trip-Google Earth
July & August	• July 28 - August 3 Jubilee of Youth Ideas include:



	• Send out the Jubilee newsletter for Families to celebrate and Pilgrimage opportunities across the province, Canada and the world. • Jubilee Year Reflection Journals: Provide students with journals to reflect on the themes of the Jubilee Year. Encourage them to write about how they can be more merciful, forgiving, and loving in their daily lives. • Walk through your own school and classroom to create an experience on how God gives us hope and the message of hope. ◦ Prayer labyrinth
September	Jubilee of Catechists Ideas include: • Hope-A-Grams- Students can create messages of hope and inspiration using sticky notes to show appreciation for their Catholic teachers. These notes can be displayed at the front of the school, sharing what they love and value about their teachers.
October	Jubilee of the World of Education Catholic Education Week - Committee Work Ideas include: • A separate document for Catholic Education will be shared separately in late May including the theme for Catholic Education Week 2025. • This will include the ACSTA Sponsored Coloring Contest
November	Jubilee of the Poor (November 16) Jubilee of Choirs (November 22-23) • Community Outreach Projects: Organize a community service project where students can help those in need in their local community. This can be part of their school's ongoing commitment to living out the Jubilee Year's call for mercy. • Choir Celebration: Host an event in your school/school division to showcase the local choirs in your community and celebrate the gifts and talents of students.



	• Create and share messages of hope to take to the vulnerable. (Feed the Hungry- Calgary, Edmonton, St. Paul) • Prayer Blankets- Hand out Prayer Blankets, that have been blessed and gifted to the Church, to the vulnerable. • Prayer Blanket slides
December	Advent Jubilee of Prisoner (connection to Works of Mercy) Ideas include: • Collect snacks and other treats to make and decorate snack bags with the message of the Jubilee to bring to the local correctional institution/prison to be shared with those incarcerated for Christmas. This may include teaching students the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation.





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