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MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy
All Parishes
All Institutes of Consecrated Life + R.G.

From: Archbishop Gagnon

Date: December 17, 2024

Re: Opening of the Jubilee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to inform you that the Holy Year, entitled, "Pilgrims of Hope", will officially begin in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg on Sunday, December 29, 2024, Feast of the Holy Family.

Pope Francis has asked that there be no Holy Doors to open the Jubilee in each diocese, but that there be an official opening at each Cathedral with the Bishop presiding. All clergy are invited to join the Bishop and a general invitation be given to the Faithful to participate. Holy Years are important spiritual events for the whole Church and occur every 25 years.

This is our schedule for the Opening of the Jubilee:

2:30 p.m. The Faithful gather in the Cathedral Hall

3:00 p.m. A short ceremony takes place in the hall with a reading of the Papal Decree for the Holy Year.

Then people walk from the hall to the Cathedral as a sign of pilgrimage.

Mass in honour of the Holy Family follows.

Reception following Mass

I cordially invite our clergy to concelebrate and to extend an invitation to your parishioners to participate in this historic moment in the Church: The Jubilee of Pilgrims of Hope.

Note: The beautiful booklet, entitled, "A Pilgrim's Guide to Jubilee Churches and Shrines", showing the pilgrim churches in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, the Archdiocese of St. Boniface and the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Winnipeg will be available.