



Celebrating the Jubilee Locally

Jubilee of Youth

July 28-August 3

The Jubilee Year is a sacred time in the Church, inviting the faithful to experience God's mercy through pilgrimages, Mass celebrations, and acts of reconciliation. The 2025 Jubilee Year follows the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", encouraging Catholics to embrace and share God's mercy through service, peace, and compassion.

The Jubilee of Youth will take place from July 28 to August 3. However, this moment of grace extends beyond these dates—it is an invitation to recognize, celebrate, and uplift young people this Jubilee Year and beyond.

Here in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, we encourage parishes, schools, organizations, and individuals to use this resource packet to plan local celebrations to celebrate youth and young adults. Whether through special Masses, community gatherings, or acts of outreach, every effort—big or small—helps create a more welcoming and supportive Church for all.

This guide provides practical ideas and inspiration, but it is only the beginning. May it serve as a catalyst for ongoing initiatives that honour the gifts and dignity of young people.

May this guide help create spaces of belonging, joy, and faith-filled celebration for all.

PRAYERS

Prayers of the Faithful

Below is a selection of suggested Prayers of the Faithful that can be offered up for mass.

Let us pray for all youth and young adults in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg and those all over the world. Lord, may your Spirit guide them with your love and sustain their hopes and dreams. May they become instruments of faith, hope, and love. We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for vocations. Lord, may every young person come your will and discern their calling. May every young person be filled with courage, strength, and trust to follow where you lead. We pray to the Lord.

Special Blessing

Consider offering a blessing over young people present in the assembly, either as a conclusion to the Prayers of the Faithful or as a closing blessing for the Mass. This may be done at the discretion of the pastor/presider. Prior to the blessing, celebrants can invite young people forward, or to invite them to stand up or step out into the aisle of their church, so that they can be recognized and prayed over by the assembly.

Good and gracious God, King of the universe, we ask your blessing upon the young people gathered here, and for all youth and young adults beyond our community. Bless and keep them, so that they may know they are infinitely loved. Pour out your great mercy upon them, so that they may know they are saved. Give them newfound hope, so that they may know your presence at every moment. Accompany us, Lord, young and old, as we accompany one another on this “journey together”. Fill us with humility to learn from each other, and enkindle in us a passion for truth, beauty, and goodness. Inspire us to go out to encounter you in these young people, “to accompany and encourage them, trusting a little more in the genius of the Holy Spirit, who acts as he wills”. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Saints

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron saint of Catholic youth.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, patroness of Indigenous persons and the environment.

St. John Paul II, patron saint of World Youth Day.

St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of the missions.

St. John Bosco, patron of youth, apprentices, editors, and Catholic publishers.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of young adults, athletes, and World Youth Day.

Blessed Carlos Acutis, patron saint of the internet and the first millennial saint.

Blessed Chiara Badano, patroness of athletes.

Action

Prayer Life

- Help youth grow in their relationship with God through an active prayer life. Take time to grow in our faith through prayer, the sacraments, scripture, Church teachings, and faith filled discussions.
- Go on a pilgrimage with family and friends. You can go on a spiritual journey by visiting local Jubilee pilgrimage sites.

Provide opportunities for young people to participate in the life of the Church

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.” (1 Corinthians 12:4)

- Encourage youth and young adults to participate in parish life. They can serve as lectors, altar servers, choir members, ushers, or greeters. Young adults can be given an opportunity to serve as Eucharistic ministers upon the discernment of pastors. Youth and young adults can also be given opportunities to be involved in catechism and faith formation. Everyone has a gift to share.

Provide opportunities for young people to engage in the service of others.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

We are called to live out our faith by loving others and spreading hope to those around us. Volunteer and share your time and talents with your parish and local community.

Resources

- *Christus Vivit*. 2019. An apostolic exhortation to young people.
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/pa-pa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html
- *A Pilgrim's Guide to Jubilee Churches and Shrines*. 2024. Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg.
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- Catechetical Activities for Children and Youth. Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/the-ordinary-jubilee-of-the-year-2025/catechetical-activities-for-children-and-youth/>
- Saints for Youth and Young Adults. Vocations Ministry.
<https://www.vocationministry.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Saints-for-Youth-Young-Adults.pdf>
- *Listen, Teach, Send: A National Pastoral Framework for Ministries with Youth and with Young Adults*. 2024. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Guidance for the Catholic Church in accompanying and evangelizing young people.
<https://www.usccb.org/resources/National%20Pastoral%20Framework%20YYA%20APPROVED5.pdf>