

From the Chaplaincy



Hope Does Not Disappoint

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With great joy, we begin a New Year embraced by the Jubilee Year of Hope that began on December 24, 2024, and will close on January 6, 2026. Let us allow the spiritual flavor and graces of this Jubilee to permeate everything we engage in—family, work and school.

May we rediscover the power of hope in our lives by becoming wellsprings of hope for everyone. Hope, as St. Paul says “does not disappoint because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Rom 5:1-2,5).

Perhaps, one of the best manifestations of becoming springs of hope is through our personal prayer. When I pray, I am already hoping, and when I hope, I am also praying. This can be further enriched as we journey through the Jubilee Year by remembering the word PACEM (“peace”) which stands for Pray, Adore, Confess, Embrace and Mary!

Pray - Choose a specific place and time to talk with Jesus daily. Adore - Habitually visit Jesus once a day or attend an extra Mass during the week. Frequent Confession becomes a powerful prayer when we are hope-filled when forgiven of our sins. Embrace everyone with acts of charity and intercessory prayers. Finally, keep Mary always in your thoughts and lips!

Have a Hope-filled New Year!

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