

# Jubilee of Mercy

(8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016)

*Adaptation from the Bull of Indiction with local events in the Diocese of Prince George*

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## Announcement and Opening of the Holy Year

### ROME

- Pope Francis proclaimed an **Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church**, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. (11 April 2015, Rome 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
- The Holy Year **will open on 8 December 2015**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Pope Francis will have the joy of opening the Holy Door on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On that day, the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.

### Diocese of Prince George

- **Solemn Mass on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 7PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

In unity with the call of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to begin the Jubilee of Mercy on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Stephen Jensen together with the priests, religious, and lay people in the Diocese of Prince George will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM.

Reception will follow the Solemn Mass. Everyone is invited to come and join this special celebration!

- **Other parishes across the Diocese are asked to celebrate 7PM Mass as an act of unity to the Universal Church and with our Bishop who will celebrate Mass on that same date and time.**
- If you have any other scheduled activities that evening in the parish or school, the Bishop have requested that the Solemn Mass at 7PM that evening, takes priority.

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## The Opening of the Doors of Mercy

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- The Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Cathedral of Rome – that is the Basilica of Saint John Lateran – will be opened. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. On the same Sunday, the Holy Father will announce that in every local church, at the cathedral – the mother church of the faithful in any particular area – or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year.

### Diocese of Prince George

- At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church's universal communion.
- **There are three designated Churches that will have "Door of Mercy" and will also become pilgrim sites for our Diocese during the Jubilee Year.**
  - Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George
  - Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert
  - Church of the Resurrection, Fort. St. John

### Indulgence

"A Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year..."

Please visit the official website (<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/mondo/documenti.html>) "Informations" and "Useful Information Regarding the Implementation of the Jubilee" of the conditions to receive the indulgence, especially the section "Indulgence and Conditions" and "Having Crossed the Doorway."

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- **Mass with the Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2015, 11:00 AM.**

Bishop Stephen Jensen will celebrate Mass with the Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy at Sacred Heart Cathedral on 13 December 2015, 11:00 AM. This liturgy is composed of five parts:

- the *statio*, either in the church or in another appropriate place
- the solemn procession
- the opening of the Door of Mercy and the entrance into the cathedral
- the renewal of Baptismal promises
- the celebration of the Eucharist

Reception will follow the Solemn Mass. Everyone is invited to come and join this special celebration!

The Door of Mercy at Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert and Church of the Resurrection, Fort St. John will be opened on the same day with their respective pastors as the main celebrant at a Eucharistic Celebration which is at 10:00 AM

## Official Website

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization has an official website for the Jubilee of Mercy. It provides resources and other details for this Holy Year including the “**Prayer of the Holy Father for the Jubilee**” which you can use in the parishes and schools during any of your gatherings. Please visit <http://www.im.va>.

The Doors of Mercy in our Diocese will be registered to that website in the near future and will be uploading photos as well.

## Hymn

Please find attached official hymn for the Jubilee of Mercy, or click on this link: <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/inno.html> The authors of the original music (Paul Inwood) and text (Eugenio Costa, S.J.) have donated the copyright of this work to the PCPNE in order to facilitate the distribution of the Hymn of the Jubilee of Mercy throughout the Catholic church.

## Poster

The Office of the Bishop will send poster before the 8<sup>th</sup> of December for the use in the parishes and schools.