



Memo

Date: January 27, 2025

To: Clergy, chancery staff, parish and school staff, men and women religious

From: Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

Re: Local Pilgrimage Sites for Jubilee Year of Hope

Brothers and sisters,

We have been receiving some questions regarding Holy Doors during the Jubilee of Hope 2025, which goes from the Solemnity of Christmas 2024 to the Solemnity of the Epiphany 2026.

This year, the only Holy Doors are in the city of Rome and are located at the four major basilicas listed below, with an additional one at **Rebibbia Prison**.

- **Basilica of Saint Peter**
- **Basilica of Mary Major**
- **Basilica of Saint John Lateran**
- **Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, as a **pilgrimage site**. The pilgrimage site does not have a Holy Door, nonetheless it has been designated as a place where the people of God can travel to reflect and obtain a plenary indulgence satisfying the ordinary requirements of the Catholic Church.

In the Archdiocese of Atlanta, I have designated these churches to be **local pilgrimage sites**:

- **Mary Our Queen Catholic Church** in Peachtree Corners, **main pilgrimage site**
- **Church of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in Sharon

- **Saint Matthew Catholic Church** in Tyrone
- **Our Lady of the Mountains** in Jasper
- **Saint Paul the Apostle** in Cleveland
- **Saint Brendan the Navigator** in Cumming

These sites will welcome pilgrims beginning on the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, Sunday, February 2, to the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Even though there are no “Holy Doors” at these churches, there will be “Pilgrim Doors,” through which all pilgrims are invited to enter.

Individuals, families and small groups can make a pilgrimage throughout the year to these sites to obtain a plenary indulgence during this jubilee year. This will grant remission of temporal consequences for sin. The requirements for the grace of plenary indulgence are the ordinary established by the Catholic Church:

- **visit to the pilgrimage site**
- **an act of mercy or penance**
- **confession prior to visiting the pilgrimage site**
- **reception of Holy Communion at the pilgrimage site or at the local parish before or after the visit to the pilgrimage site**
- **prayer for the intentions of His Holiness Pope Francis at the pilgrimage site**

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Since there is only one priest at most of the pilgrimage sites, no confessions will be available for pilgrims. We strongly encourage the people to go to confession at their own parish before the pilgrimage.
2. Large groups must have a priest or deacon accompany them during their pilgrimage.
3. If the large group wants to have Mass at the pilgrimage site, other than the times offered at that location or in a different language, please contact the pilgrimage site in advance to schedule.
4. Please arrange your visit in advance to be sure that the parish can accommodate you, if you wish to visit at a time not listed.

See document [attached](#) for additional information.