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Pilgrimage Churches for Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has decreed 2025 to be a Jubilee Year for all the faithful, an extraordinary year as Pilgrims of Hope beginning December 24, 2024, and concluding on January 6, 2026. He has proposed in the bull establishing the year, **Spes non confundit** (“**Hope Does Not Disappoint**”, May 9, 2024) the Jubilee indulgence as a means of encountering God’s Mercy.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in a decree dated May 13, 2024, set out the norms for obtaining the plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year. It also encouraged Diocesan Bishops to designate churches and sacred places where the indulgence may be attained.

For the benefit of all the faithful, I therefore decree that in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, the following four churches may be visited as a pilgrimage destination by the faithful to fulfill the requirements for the Jubilee indulgence:

Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica	56 Guigues Avenue, Ottawa
St. Finnan’s Basilica	70 St. Paul Street, Alexandria
Saint-Joseph Church	2737 St-Joseph Boulevard, Orleans
St. Patrick’s Basilica	281 Nepean Street, Ottawa

I remind the faithful that the receiving of Jubilee plenary indulgence depends on the following obligations being observed, as noted in the decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary of May 13, 2024:

- attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at one of the churches noted above during the Jubilee Year;
- make a sacramental Confession (within several days of the above-mentioned visit); and
- pray for the intention of the Holy Father.

Given at Ottawa, Ontario on April 8th in the year two thousand and twenty-five.


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