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RE: Jubilee of Youth Celebration 2025

Dear Potential Pilgrims

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his address to young people at the 'Field of Grace' during the World Youth Day: Lisbon 2023, and again on the Solemnity of Christ the King 2023, invited all young people to join him in celebration of the Jubilee for all Youth and Young Adults that will be taking place in Rome from 28 July 2025 – 03 August 2025.

As declared by the Pope, the Jubilee Celebration will serve as an intermediary celebration between WYD Lisbon in 2023, and WYD Seoul that will take place in 2027. Building upon the two-year cycle of Scriptural themes for the Global Celebration of Youth, the upcoming jubilee – termed as the '**Jubilee of Youth 2025**' will run under the theme: "**Pilgrims of Hope**". It will be focused on the distinct hope of young people and the unique effect that their hope can have on their lives and the lives of others.

In his address to all young people, Pope Francis stated the following,

"I invite you to Rome in 2025 for the Jubilee of Young People, where you too will be "Pilgrims of Hope". As young people, you are indeed the joyful hope of the Church and of a humanity always on the move. I would like to take you by the hand and walk with you on the path of hope. I would like to speak with you about our joys and hopes, but also of our sorrows and concerns, and those of all our brothers and sisters in the human family (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 1). In these two years of preparation for the Jubilee, we will meditate first on Saint Paul's words, "Rejoicing in hope" (Rom 12:12), and then those of the prophet Isaiah, "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Is 40:31)".

Therefore, we, the Archdiocese of Pretoria Youth Commission, would like to invite you to travel with us to the World Youth Day Jubilee Celebration: Rome 2025 – in celebration of youth and young adults, their role in the Church, and what the Church can learn from them.

Details of the full programme are still tentative, however, there will be various itineraries available for pilgrims to participate in.

Details of the Trip

The Archdiocese of Pretoria **will have two Packages available** for potential pilgrims to choose from:

➤ **PACKAGE A: Standard Trip (R26 500)**

- A total of 10 days
 - Departing from South Africa on Friday, 25 July 2025
 - Participating in the Jubilee Celebration from 28 July – 03 August 2025
 - Arriving back in South Africa on Monday, 04 August 2025
- This Package includes: Return Flights (JHB-Rome and Rome-JHB), Travel Insurance, Event Registration, Accommodation which includes lunch and supper in Rome, Transport Costs (local – in Rome).

➤ **PACKAGE B: Extended Trip (R34 500)**

- A total of 14 days
 - Departing from South Africa on Friday, 25 July 2025
 - Participating in the Jubilee Celebration from 28 July – 03 August 2025
 - Arriving back in South Africa on Friday, 08 August 2025
- This Package includes: Return Flights (JHB-Rome-Paris-Rome-JHB), Travel Insurance, Event Registration, Accommodation which includes lunch and supper in Rome & Accommodation in Paris, Transport Costs (local – in Rome and Paris)

Our Tentative Travel itinerary is as follows:

Fri July 25 : **Departing from South Africa to Rome**

Sat July 26 : Arriving in Rome

Sun July 27 : A day of Rest

Mon July 28 : Day 1 of the Jubilee Celebration in Rome

Sun August 03 : End of the Jubilee Celebration in Rome

Aug 04-06 : Visiting France

Thurs Aug 07 : Travelling from Rome to South Africa

Fri Aug 08 : **Arriving in South Africa**

THE ESTIMATED COST of the pilgrimage per person which includes:

- All flight tickets (from South Africa to Rome – Return) or (from South Africa – Rome – Paris – Rome – South Africa)
- Local transport costs (for travelling in Rome and in Paris)
- Accommodation during the Jubilee Celebration (inclusive of lunch and Supper)
- Accommodation in Paris, France.

Please note that each pilgrim is responsible for getting their own Visa (Schengen Visa).

THE ESTIMATED BUDGET is as follows:

PACKAGE B: Extended Trip

JHB – Rome Flight and Insurance (Return)	R16 000
Rome – Paris Flight and insurance (Return)	R4 000
Registration Fee	R
Miscellaneous fees & charges we may incur	R1 000
Extra transport costs abroad: ROME & PARIS	R4 000
Accommodation during Jubilee (in ROME)	R6 500
Accommodation in Paris	R3 000
TOTAL:	R34 500

PACKAGE A: Standard Trip

JHB – Rome Flight and Insurance (Return)	R16 000
Registration Fee	R
Miscellaneous fees & charges we may incur	R1 000
Extra transport costs abroad: ROME	R3 000
Accommodation during Jubilee (in ROME)	R6 500
TOTAL:	R26 500

Please note that the Registration & package details for the Jubilee Celebration itself have not been released yet, however details will be shared with potential pilgrims as soon as they are available. **Also take note that any fees that have not been included in the budget structured above, you will have to budget for.**

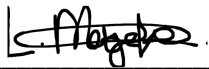
If you are interested in attending the Jubilee and travelling with us, REGISTRATION WILL OPEN on 01 August 2025 and a payment plan will be shared with registered pilgrims.

NB: PLEASE NOTE that those who prefer to travel by themselves NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE as well

For more information, questions or queries, contact our Coordinator, Sr Lebogang on on 083 4313 769 or send us an email to youthdesk@ptadiocese.org.za or our Youth Commission Chairperson, Ms Gladness Mashubuka on 063 343 6948 or you can send her an email to mashubukagladness@gmail.com

Yours in Christ,

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