



## JUBILEE OF MERCY MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

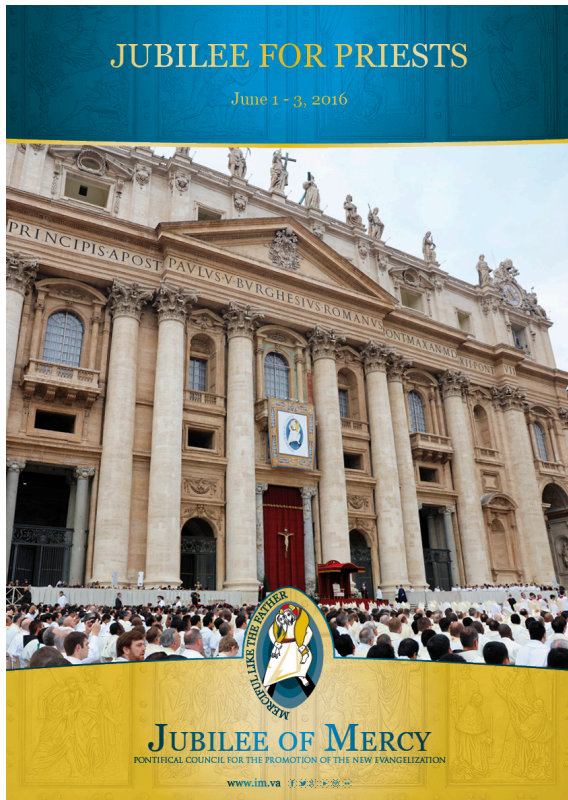


### Jubilee for Priests

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St. Peter's Square

Piazza San Pietro - Città del Vaticano - Città del Vaticano



**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

**From 9:00 to 16:00**

*In the Jubilee churches:*

Eucharistic Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Pilgrimages to the Holy Door*

**17:30** *Catechesis and Holy Mass for the different language groups (Italian, English, Spanish, Polish, French, German, Portuguese)*

**Thursday, June 2, 2016**

***Retreat preached by the Holy Father***

**10:00** – First reflection

**12:00** – Second reflection

**16:00** – Third reflection

**17:30** *Concelebrated Eucharistic Celebration*

**Friday, June 3, 2016**

**Solemnity of the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus***

**9:30** Holy Mass Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square

***“In the image of the Good Shepherd, a priest is a man of mercy and compassion***

*close to his people and the servant of all.”*

Pope Francis

**INFORMATION**

The Holy Father will celebrate the **Jubilee for Priests** from **1 to 3 June**. As a sign of communion, every particular Church is invited to take part in this celebration by planning a local version of the activities that will take place in Rome, according to their particular needs. Dioceses are being asked in a particular way to coordinate their plans with the three meditations that will be offered by Pope Francis on Thursday, 2 June, in preparation for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which occurs the following day.

**Thursday, 2 June**

During the first part of the day, priests and seminarians are invited to visit one of the three Jubilee Churches indicated by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization for the

Holy Year (*San Salvatore in Lauro, Santa Maria in Vallicella, San Giovanni dei Fiorentini*), where they will be able to take part in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and to spend time in **Eucharistic Adoration**.

The participants will also make the **pilgrimage to the Holy Door** of Saint Peter's Basilica, walking along the reserved pathway that leads from the area outside of Castel Sant'Angelo up Via della Conciliazione. A time slot for making their pilgrimage will be indicated to the participants; there will also be spiritual accompaniment in their own languages.

The second part of the day will consist in a catechesis on the theme of mercy, given by a Bishop. This will be followed by a concelebrated Mass. For this part of the schedule, which will take place in the late afternoon, some of the Churches in the central historic zone of Rome will welcome the priests and seminarians, according to linguistic groups.

The following languages are guaranteed: English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish

The catechist bishops thus far confirmed are:

### **English**

**S.E.R. Mons. Robert Barron**

*Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles*

### **French**

**S.E.R. Mons. Vincent Dollmann**

*Auxiliary Bishop of Strasburgo*

### **German**

**S.E.R. Mons. Georg Gänswein**

*Prefect of the Papal Household*

### **Italian**

**S.E.R. Card. Gianfranco Ravasi**

*President of the Pontifical Council for Culture*

## **Polish**

**S.E.R. Mons. Grzegorz Rys**

*Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow*

## **Portuguese**

**S.E.R. Mons. Paulo Cezar Costa**

*Auxiliary Bishop of Rio de Janeiro*

## **Thursday, 2 June**

The second day of the Jubilee for Priests will be dedicated to the **spiritual retreat for all the priests and seminarians of the world, led by the Holy Father.**

In Rome, the participants will gather in three Basilicas to follow the meditations. During the day, Pope Francis will offer three meditations, one in each Basilica. These meditations will be transmitted live by Vatican Television (Centro Televisivo Vaticano); they will be available throughout the world via Internet or through the television stations that will transmit the event. The technical specifications for following the broadcast will be sent in a timely manner to Dioceses and interested communications networks.

The retreat will conclude with the **concelebrated Eucharist** according to linguistic groups. Priests should bring their own albs and white stoles; along with the seminarians they will meet at the place indicated to them for the celebration.

At the **Pilgrim Information Center** each individual participant and every group will receive information regarding the Basilica to which they should go for the spirituality day. For logistical and security motives, the PASS that will be given to every participant will grant entrance only to the location indicated on it.

## **Friday, 3 June**

The Jubilee for Priests will conclude with the solemn **celebration of the Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** by Pope Francis. Concelebration will be possible for all participating priests who come with their ticket, alb and white stole. The time and place where they should gather

will be indicated to them subsequently. Tickets for concelebration or participation in the Mass will be distributed at the **Pilgrim Information Center**.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who can participate in the Jubilee for Priests?

All Bishops, priests, and those who are in the process of formation for priesthood in Major Seminaries or Houses of Formation are invited to participate in this event, in communion with the Holy Father.

### How do you join the Jubilee for Priests in Rome?

All the priests and seminarians who intend to participate in the Jubilee event in Rome should register by filling out the registration form available on the Jubilee webpage, [www.im.va](http://www.im.va). To access this form, you must first register on the site, after which it will be possible to indicate which Jubilee event you wish to attend; in this case, the “Jubilee for Priests”.

So that adequate locations for the Jubilee gatherings can be planned, it is very important that you indicate, in the section “Details for the Event”, the activities in which you want to take part (pilgrimage to the Holy Door, Catecheses, Retreat with the Holy Father, Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus). Groups of priests or seminarians should fill in the number of people who will participate in each activity, as prompted. If the registration is for a single participant, write “one” (1) in the space indicated.

**Attention:** When the registration form has been correctly filled out, the system will give the participant this message: “*Your registration form has been saved successfully*”. With this confirmation, the registrant may consider himself formally enrolled in the event. Later, closer to the event itself, those enrolled will receive further useful information through email. The registration system will not send another type of confirmation.

**Note:** Bishops may inform the Organizing Secretariat of the events in which they want to participate through email ([info@im.va](mailto:info@im.va)).

### What should I do after I register?

Every priest and seminarian should plan and pay for their own trip to Rome and their own accommodations. When they arrive in Rome, participants are invited to come to the **Pilgrim Information Center** located at *Via della Conciliazione 7*, where they can pick up the PASS grants entrance to the Jubilee activities.

It is important to remember that security measures have been intensified recently; for this reason the participant PASSES are indispensable for taking part in the activities of the Jubilee, particularly when the Holy Father will be present. For the same reason, we ask each priest to bring his *celebret* card, or in the case of seminarians, the ID card that attests that he belongs to a seminary or house of formation.

The **Pilgrim Information Center** is open to the public every day **from 7:30 to 18:30**.

### **When is the registration deadline?**

You must register by May 29.

### **Is there a cost to participate in the event?**

Participants are asked to make a contribution of ten euro (€10.00), to help cover the costs of the event. The donation is voluntary, and can be paid when picking up the PASS at the **Pilgrim Information Center**.

### **In which locations will the event be held?**

The places for the activities will be sent to the participants through email. We also invite you to follow the updates on this site.

### **In which parts of the Jubilee for Priests may lay people and religious participate?**

All the faithful are invited to participate in the Holy Mass with the Holy Father on Friday, 3 June, praying in thanksgiving for the gift of the ministerial priesthood and for the sanctification of all priests. The activities of 1 and 2 June are reserved exclusively to bishops, priests, and seminarians.