

Mercy Corner

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Perhaps, in the Star Herald, you have been reading about the Jubilee Year, Doors of Mercy. The Liturgy Committee is planning a pilgrimage to 'Doors of Mercy' that are in Cape May. That date will appear soon.

When we think about pilgrimages, we probably think about medieval people walking great distances to awe-inspiring churches. Yet, Pope Francis describes what is at the heart of pilgrimage and encourages us to each make one during this Jubilee. He writes that "life itself is a pilgrimage, and the human being is a pilgrim traveling along the road, making his way to the desired destination." Pope Francis encourages each of us to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door in our diocese some time during this Jubilee of Mercy. Being committed to the journey of pilgrimage helps us focus our attention on our spiritual journey and walk closer with God.

Similarly, our daily journey to live out the mercy of God "is also a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice." In preparation for our parish pilgrimage, I encourage you to consider how each day you may give yourself one small goal of mercy, compassion, and love to journey toward—for example, being kind to a difficult coworker—so that, by those actions, you are able to walk closer to God on the pilgrimage of Christian life.