



January 23, 2025
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

Diocese of Richmond

Office of Worship

Priests,

The Bishop has designated three Pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025.

According to the *Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025*, “the faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage” and participate in any of the celebrations and/or devotions described below.

In the Diocese of Richmond, one Pilgrimage site will be dedicated in each vicariate, as follows:

- Central Vicariate: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Richmond
- Eastern Vicariate: Basilica of Saint Mary, Norfolk
- Western Vicariate: Basilica of Saint Andrew, Roanoke

The Faithful are invited to devoutly visit any Jubilee site [individually or in a group] and participate in:

1. Holy Mass
2. Ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick
3. Celebration of the Word of God
4. Eucharistic Adoration and meditation, concluding with:
 - Our Father
 - Profession of Faith [in any legitimate form]
 - Invocations to Mary, the Mother of God
5. A penitential celebration [which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the Rite of Penance (form II)]
6. Liturgy of the Hours [Office of Readings, Lauds, Vespers]
7. Other Pius exercises:
 - Via Crucis [The Way of the Cross]
 - Marian Rosary
 - Recitation of the Akathist hymn [Eastern Marian hymn, “Rejoice...”]

The usual conditions for a Plenary Indulgence remain in effect for those who complete a Pilgrimage to one of these sites:

1. True repentance and freedom from any affection for sin (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 20, § 1)
2. Confession
3. Reception of Holy Communion [“fitting that Communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the work is performed.” *Manual of Indulgences*, 20.3.]
4. Prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff

We encourage you to publicize this news in your community and to educate the Faithful concerning the conditions for the Indulgence. An announcement will go out to the Diocese, through the Catholic Virginian and the Diocesan website, so that the Faithful may be aware and pilgrimages to these sites may be encouraged.

Please feel free to reach out to me at (804) 622-5258 if you have any questions.
May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

Paz y Bien,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Young".

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