



Simla Chandigarh Diocese

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JUBILEE YEAR-PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025-3

To all the Priests, Religious and Laity in the Diocese of Simla-Chandigarh

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Let us praise and thank God for the gift of the **JUBILEE YEAR 2025 to walk together as PILGRIMS OF HOPE**. May the Jubilee Year help us to recover the confident trust that we require in the Church and in Society and thus 'become a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heaven and a new earth' (cf. 2 Pet 3:13). I would like to place on record your constant support and collaboration towards the Biblical Exhibition 2024 that we had in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre (DPC), Sector 19-A, Chandigarh from December 19, 2024 to January 05, 2025 on the theme: **WE, THE PILGRIMS: A CALL TO CELEBRATE HOPE.**" It was indeed well appreciated and a time of Proclamation of our Faith on 'HOPE'.

ON JANUARY 14, 2025, the Directors/Directress of all the Diocesan Commissions along with the Deans came together to draw plans for the Jubilee Year 2025 at DPC, Chandigarh. The plans emerged from the outcome of the **SYNODAL PROCESS that we had in the Diocese**. I appeal to all the Parish Priests to support the various programs/activities of the **Commissions in your Parishes and enable our Faithful to walk together in the SYNODAL PATH as one Family of God**.

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations, we have A **JUBILEE CROSS** that will be taken to the different Parishes of our Deaneries in the Diocese. It is a time of **BLESSING AND GRACE** that the Jubilee Cross brings to our Parish Church. Hence, I request all the Parish Priests to make announcements on a Sunday about the same so as to prepare our faithful for a meaningful celebration. The date of arrival of the Jubilee Cross in your respective parishes will be intimated to you by your Deans. Please note the details of the arrival of the **JUBILEE CROSS IN YOUR DEANERIES**:

KARNAL: February: 01 to May 02 (**Dean:** Fr. Pankaj IMS – 09466247357/7015527330)

SIMLA: May 03 to June 27 (**Dean:** Fr. Anil Sequeira- 9418705523)

BHATINDA: June 28 to August 09 (**Dean:** Fr. Lino Santiago SFX – 7087275105)

PATIALA: August 10 to October 31 (**Dean:** Fr. Dominic Bosco – 9815927884)

CHANDIGARH: November 01 to December 27 (**Dean:** Fr. Ambrose D' Souza – 9417494714)

THE JUBILEE YEAR CONCLUDES: December 28th at Christ the King Cathedral, Chandigarh.

The **DEANS** will **SCHEDULE THE PLAN** of Arrival & Departure of the Jubilee Cross in all the Parishes of the respective Deanery and its Mode of Celebrations. The Jubilee Cross will reach in a particular Parish Church on the appointed day and the Faithful devoutly participate in the Veneration of the Cross, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Recitation of the Jubilee Prayer and Conclude with the Holy



Eucharist. The Faithful are made aware that they receive a **PLENARY INDULGENCE** on these days. Do display in your Churches and Institutions the banners/pictures commemorating the **LOGO AND THE PRAYER OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025**.

PLEASE BLOCK THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR 2025

1. **FEBRUARY 04 & 05 (Tue & Wed)**: Clergy Recollection & Seminar on Pastoral Enrichment for all the Priests in the Diocese.
2. **FEBRUARY 12 (Wed)**: **DIACONATE ORDINATION OF BROS. ROHIT PAUL XALXO, MICHAEL ABISHANTH & RAMBABU DAVID** at 04: 30 PM, Our Lady of Miracles Church, Togan, New Chandigarh.
3. **APRIL 09 & 10 (Wed & Thu)**: **JUBILEE YATRA SEMINAR** by Rev. Fr. Dr. Yesu Karunanidhi, National Coordinator for Jubilee Yatra, CCBI, Bangalore.
4. **APRIL 10 (Thu)**: The Religious both Men and Women (1 or 2 Representatives from each Community) working in our Diocese are cordially invited to participate in the **JUBILEE YATRA SEMINAR** at DPC, Chandigarh from 10:00 AM to 02:00 PM.
5. **APRIL 10 (Thu)**: **CHRISM MASS** at 04:30 PM, Christ the King Cathedral, Chandigarh.
6. **NOVEMBER 14-16**: **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHARISMATIC CONVENTION & JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE, YDSPB, KAULI.**
7. **NOVEMBER: GROUP 1: 17-21 (Mon-Fri) & GROUP II: 24-28 (Mon-Fri)**: **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT & JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE IN TWO GROUPS.**

Note: The detailed Jubilee Programmes in our Diocese are mentioned in the Diocesan Jubilee Calendar 2025 and if you have not collected, please take it from the Reception at Bishop's House, Chandigarh.

Given on January 17 on the Feast of St. Anthony, the Abbot at Bishop's House, Chandigarh.

With all my good wishes,

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