



OREGON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



JUBILEE 2025

My Dear Brother Knights:

On Christmas Eve, our Holy Father Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, marking the beginning of an ever special Jubilee Year. On December 29th, on the Feast of the Holy Family, Jubilee 2025 was opened for celebration for all dioceses throughout the world.

I am pleased to have been selected Chairman for the Jubilee Year for the Oregon Knights of Columbus. Throughout the year, you will receive information from me as well as opportunities where the Knights of Columbus can assist with the Jubilee celebration.

So what is a Jubilee Year? A Jubilee Year is a special time in the Church's tradition encouraging holiness through acts of reconciliation and communion with our brothers and sisters. Jubilee Year 2025 will be marked by special opportunities for grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, local pilgrimages and the Jubilee Indulgence.

Message from the Holy Father *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."*

Special Indulgence A special jubilee indulgence will be offered as a special grace during the Holy Year, freeing the faithful from the spiritual effects of past sins. To receive it, Catholics must be truly repentant, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the Pope's intentions, and perform a spiritual act such as a pilgrimage, charitable work, or dedicated prayer.

How can the Knights of Columbus be involved? There are numerous ways the Knights can help, and they are all right down our alley:

1. **Help with pilgrimages!** Archbishop Sample has designated the following 10 sites as pilgrimage sites:
 - Saint Mary's Cathedral – Portland
 - The Grotto – Portland
 - Holy Rosary – Portland
 - Our Lady of Lavang – Happy Valley
 - Saint Paul – Saint Paul

Saint Vincent DePaul – Salem
Saint Alice – Springfield
Shepherd of the Valley – Central Point
Sacred Heart – Newport
Saint Monica – Coos Bay

In addition, the Diocese of Baker has designated The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Baker City as their pilgrimage site.

My brothers, I am looking for each district in Oregon to pick one of the above Pilgrimage destinations for the purpose of offering assistance throughout the year. District Deputies, please let me know which site is chosen by your district. **In addition**, I am looking for a Knight of Columbus in each of the 11 sites above to serve as a communication coordinator. The initial purpose will be to reach out to the Pastor / Overseer of the site to offer assistance where needed. District Deputies, please contact me at your earliest convenience if you are willing to help serve in this capacity.

One thing I have heard already is the sites are looking to the Knights to help keep the churches open to pilgrims. What a great opportunity to host a rosary and/or holy hour.

2. **Organizing events for Acts of Mercy and Charity:** Help those in need by performing acts of kindness like feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or supporting charities. These acts count when done with sincere love and repentance.

The Archdiocese of Portland has identified monthly thematic events to focus on these the acts of mercy. **February's event is: Feed the Hungry - Food pantry collaboration.** Further events will be announced with future correspondence.

3. **Helping the homebound:** *If someone is unable to travel due to illness, age, or confinement, they can still receive the indulgence by praying at home, following Mass through media, and offering their struggles to God.* Knights can offer assistance by serving as Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, praying with the homebound or perhaps assisting them to follow mass by helping with their phone or computer (Or bring one with you).

Thank you in advance for getting involved brothers. I look forward to working together with you as *Pilgrims of Hope* throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus!

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