

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CALCUTTA

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## M E S S A G E

In '*Spes non Confundit*', Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, published on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Pope Francis says, "Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ. The Holy Year will also guide our steps towards yet another celebration for all Christians: 2033 will mark the two thousandth anniversary of the redemption won by the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (no.6).

A **Year of Preparation** for the Jubilee (26 November 2023 to 24 November 2024) is a Year of **Learning and Praying**. The Holy Father wishes that the **four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council** be studied to obtain direction and guidance for God's people: Bible (*Dei Verbum*), Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), Church (*Lumen Gentium*), World (*Gaudium et Spes*). **Prayer**: listening, adoration, intercession and thanksgiving.

A 10-member **Diocesan Coordination Team (DCT)** with **Mr. Anthony Dilip Rozario** as Coordinator, is actively involved in making the Year of Preparation fruitful for all in the Archdiocese of Calcutta. After a 5-day Workshop-cum seminar on the subject, the Team is making our priests, religious and laity aware of the importance of this preparation, leading to a fruitful celebration of the Jubilee 2025 in the Archdiocese of Calcutta by all sections of the People of God with the theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

It is my hope that the pages in this booklet containing the summary of the Documents, guidelines on Prayer and proposed programmes for the celebration of the Jubilee 2025 will help our priests, Consecrated men & women and lay faithful to prepare themselves at all levels – family, BEC, Parish, deanery and Archdiocese – to celebrate the Jubilee 2025 fruitfully.

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