

# Celebration of the day of the Calasanz Movement *with the Adolescents and Youth*



## Pilgrims of Hope

Congratulations on this Calasanz Movement Day to all those who are part of this great family and who continue to seek to be Pilgrims of Hope in the World.

As we know, this year is a jubilee year, and the Church invites us to rejoice in the graces that God gives us. We want this day, where we celebrate the Calasanz Movement, to be a Jubilee Day for our adolescents and young people.

Courage, and may Calasanz and Glicerio help you.

In this material, you will find:

- A moment of prayer, which will help us get in tune with the Jubilee Year.
- Then we will have an activity where we will be challenged to cross the holy door and the effects of it on our life.

## Prayer Moment

You are invited to decorate the chapel or place of prayer with the characteristic elements of the Jubilee Year, including the Holy Door, Jubilee logo, motto, colors, and images of the Jubilee churches in Rome, among others.

**The first moment** will be to explain to them what is involved in going through the Holy Door: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo/porta-santa.html>

- From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year.
- In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd.

**In a second moment**, they will be asked to write down what they want to obtain by passing through the Holy Door (this task can be done on a blank sheet of paper, or they can be given a sheet of paper with the image of a door). The important thing is that they are clear about what they want to obtain when they cross the Holy Door.

**And the third moment** will be to have them walk through a door, whether it be the chapel door, the living room door or in a storybook fashion.

You will accompany this moment with the following prayers: [https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/pellegrinaggio/preghiera-porta-santa/ENG\\_Pregiera-Porta-Santa.pdf](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/content/dam/iubilaeum2025/pellegrinaggio/preghiera-porta-santa/ENG_Pregiera-Porta-Santa.pdf)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
All answer: **Amen.**

Leader:  
May the God of Hope,  
Who in the Word made Flesh  
Fills us with every joy and peace in our faith,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
be among us.

All answer: **Blessed be the Lord, our hope.**

#### **A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS. 5,1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.  
Through him we have obtained access to  
this grace in which we stand,  
and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the  
glory of God.  
More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings,  
knowing that suffering produces endurance,  
and endurance produces character,  
and character produces hope, and hope  
does not disappoint, because God's love has  
been poured into our hearts through the  
Holy Spirit who has been given to us. After  
the reading, a brief silence is observed.

**Leader:**  
Let us set out in the name of Christ:  
The way who leads to the Father,  
The truth who makes us free,  
The life who renews The world.

*Start the pilgrimage to the Symbolic Holy Door.  
With a Cross (this would apply if a small pro-  
cession is made; on the contrary, everything is  
done in the selected place).*

**At this moment a related song can be sung.**

The moment can culminate with the hand-  
ing over of the sheet with the prayers and  
then an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be  
for the intentions of Pope Leo XIV and the  
entire Universal Church.

## **Activity**

In this activity we seek that our teenagers  
and young people can reflect more deeply  
on the meaning of the Jubilee Year. In a first  
part they will have the opportunity to reflect  
on it and in a second part they will look for  
a way to commit themselves socially; since  
when we go through the door we are invited  
to commit ourselves with our faith.

- A. Reflection: we invite you to read and re-  
flect on excerpts from the letter that Pope  
Francis sent to Bishop Rino on the occa-  
sion of the Jubilee.

#### **LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO MSGR. RINO FISICHELLA FOR THE JUBILEE 2025**

The Jubilee has always been an event of great  
spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in  
the life of the Church.... In the last two years,  
not a single country has been unaffected by  
the sudden outbreak of an epidemic that  
made us experience first-hand not only the  
tragedy of dying alone, but also the uncer-  
tainty and fleetingness of existence, and in  
doing so, has changed our very way of life.  
Together with all our brothers and sisters, we  
Christians endured those hardships and lim-

itations. Our churches remained closed, as did our schools, factories, offices, shops, and venues for recreation. All of us saw certain freedoms curtailed, while the pandemic generated feelings not only of grief, but also, at times, of doubt, fear and disorientation. The scientific community quickly developed an initial remedy that is gradually permitting us to resume our daily lives. We are fully confident that the epidemic will be overcome and that the world will return to its usual pattern of personal relationships and social life. This will happen more readily to the extent that we can demonstrate effective solidarity, so that our neighbors most in need will not be neglected, and that everyone can have access to scientific breakthroughs and the necessary medicines.

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. This will indeed be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, “The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food” (Lev 25:6-7).

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should also embrace these fundamental aspects of our life in society as part of a coherent whole. In the realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep (cf. Gen 2:15), may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home. It is my hope that the coming Jubilee Year will be celebrated and experienced with this intention too. Growing numbers of men and women, including many young people and children, have come to realize that care for creation is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will.

### **For the personal reflection:**

- What did you think of these excerpts from the letter sent by Pope Francis before the beginning of the Jubilee?
- What elements caught your attention and why?
- From your current reality, how would you respond to this letter?

- B. **Dynamic:** After having reflected, we invite them to choose, in groups, a way in which they seek to bring this commitment to reality, keeping the flame of hope burning.
- a. - Choose a concrete idea.
  - b. - Set possible days to carry it out.
  - c. - List the materials they need to carry out their activity.



## Additional activity:

This activity can be done before the main activity or at the end of the day.

- **The dynamic is called:** FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.
- The word of GOD tells us a lot about FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. This exercise is based on these three great gifts of the LORD.

**Development:** Ten verses speak of FAITH, ten that speak of HOPE, and ten that speak of LOVE.

The idea is to create three rectangles on the floor; each identified with one of the three words. The participants will be positioned in front of the three rectangles, and each time they hear a Bible verse, they will have one second to determine if that verse belongs to one of the three words: Faith, Hope, or Love. If any of the participants do not get it right or do not make a decision quickly, they will be eliminated. There will be enough rounds to see who is the most attentive, and at the end, you can give a prize to those who came in last.

Below, we provide the Bible verses and their corresponding divisions.

1. 1 Corinthians 13:1
2. 1 Corinthians 15:17
3. 1 John 3:3
4. 1 John 4:8
5. 2 Corinthians 13:5
6. Revelations 14:12
7. Revelations 2:4
8. Book of Canticles 2:4
9. Colossians 1:27
10. Ephesians 2:12
11. Galatians: 2:16
12. Habacuc 2:4
13. Hebrews 10:23
14. Hebrews 11:1
15. Hebrews 7:19
16. Isaiah 43:25
17. Jeremiah 31:3
18. Job 8:13
19. John 13:35
20. John 15:13
21. Lamentations 3:18
22. Luke 17:6
23. Mark 11:22
24. Romans 1:17
25. Romans 3:31
26. Romans 5:8
27. Romans 8:39
28. Psalms 91:2
29. Titus 2:13
30. Zacariah 9:12