



Catholic Family Challenge

Start children off in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church across the entire world celebrates what is called a "Jubilee Year". 2025 is a Jubilee Year that is a time of prayer and reflection, with the theme of being Pilgrims of Hope. We are halfway through this Jubilee Year - so this Catholic Family Challenge will include a few things to note before we wrap up the celebration at the end of this calendar year. The year 2025 is the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Jesus. This means we celebrate in a special way. Chapter 25 of Leviticus mentions a jubilee being a time of asking for forgiveness, taking a pilgrimage, and coming home to the Church. Before Pope Francis passed away, he called us to become Pilgrims of Hope throughout the year. What are some ways we can celebrate this Jubilee Year with our families? A big part of the Jubilee is to ask for and give forgiveness. If there is anyone that you need to say "I'm sorry" to or anyone who you need to forgive, now is a great time! You can make your own family pilgrimage without even leaving Indiana. Holy Places to visit include Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral downtown Indianapolis, the Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin at St. Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute, and Saint Meinrad Archabbey. A road trip to any of these places is considered a pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year! Practice works of mercy as a family by volunteering, making cookies for an elderly neighbor, taking dinner to a sick family friend, or going through toys and clothes and donating to a local mission. If you have already made your First Reconciliation,



then you could join your family at the sacrament of Reconciliation before the end of the year. The theme of the year is about hope, so one last idea is to discuss as a family all of the ways we have hope for the future because of our faith in Jesus Christ. Find some Scripture verses that talk about hope. This Catholic Family Challenge is to pick at least one way to celebrate the Jubilee Year as we start the second half of the year!

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Please read the above information together and complete the assigned activity with your family. Once you have done this, fill out and sign the bottom section of this page and return to the office. Only one page needs to be returned per family.

Student Name(s): _____

Family Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____