

Complete 1,000,000 Acts of Mercy as a Diocese now through December in celebration of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

# WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

## A JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE HERE AT HOME

One of the key components of a Jubilee Year is a Pilgrimage. Pilgrimages are a powerful way to inspire faith and discover moments of grace and spiritual renewal by walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land, visiting tombs of Saints, or visiting ancient churches.

During the Jubilee Year, Catholics make pilgrimages to visit Holy sites in and around Rome, and the Holy Land. For those who cannot travel abroad, Bishop Gregory Parkes has designated six holy sites in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg as official Pilgrimage Sites for the Jubilee Year proclaimed for 2025. (See [www.dosp.org/Jubilee2025](http://www.dosp.org/Jubilee2025) for more information on the holy sites.) The 1,000,000 Acts of Mercy Challenge offers a different type of pilgrimage – one that will equally bring you closer to Christ and enable you to discover moments of grace and spiritual renewal. With our pilgrimage you will walk and act your way through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We invite you to participate in our Works of Mercy Pilgrimage (you won't have to leave your neighborhood, unless you want to). Come together to complete a total of 1,000,000 works of mercy. Visit [www.dosp.org/Jubilee2025/MercyChallenge](http://www.dosp.org/Jubilee2025/MercyChallenge) for ideas on how to undertake one or more of the Works of Mercy. Perform them as an individual, a couple, with your family or household, or even as a team (perhaps your small group or ministry).

The works of mercy don't have to be something extraordinary that you do, like going to a soup kitchen (though they can be). They can be something simple but still meaningful, like calling up a neighbor, church member or family member who is alone. Or cleaning out your closets and donating the clothing to a clothing bank. Or helping an elderly person (in your family or someone you know) put on their socks. If we "do one small thing with great love and faith ... it will make all the difference." (Mother Teresa)



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**FEED THE HUNGRY**

COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL

**GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY**



TEACH OTHERS ABOUT THE FAITH



**CLOTHE THE NAKED**

FORGIVE OFFENSES WILLINGLY

**SHELTER THE HOMELESS**



BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY



**VISIT THE SICK**

ENCOURAGE RECONCILIATION

**VISIT THE IMPRISONED**



COMFORT THE AFFLICTED



**BURY THE DEAD**

PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND DEAD

**MERCY**  
FINDING HOPE THROUGH  
**MERCY**

1,000,000 Works of Mercy Challenge



As you complete works of mercy, go to the diocesan website [www.Mercy2025.org](http://www.Mercy2025.org) and log them for the diocesan parish, school or entity of your choice.

