

Reflection

Jubilee Year-Pilgrims of Hope

Excerpt from Archbishop Mulhall –

In 2025 our Archdiocese of Kingston will celebrate two important events. At the invitation of Pope Francis, the Universal Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year, the last being in 2000. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope and invites us to reflect upon and accept our identity as pilgrims. This pilgrimage is marked by hope rooted in Christ.

Just as this year long celebration ends, the Archdiocese will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of its foundation in 1826 which will last throughout the year and form a foundation for our apostolate for decades to come.

Hope finds its supreme witness in the Mother of God. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life. At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her “fiat”, never abandoning her hope and trust in God. In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope ... amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust. Hope does not disappoint.

