

REFLECTION

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Jubilee Year-Pilgrims of Hope

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Is 9:2). Hope is dynamic and enlightens the pilgrimage of life, revealing the faces of brothers and sisters, companions on the journey.

In the previous bulletin we looked at the Jubilee’s logo and the four figures representing all of humanity embracing each other in their pilgrimage. If we look below them, we see the rough waves which symbolize that life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly. However, the lower part of the cross has been elongated and is an anchor, a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the ‘anchor of hope’ is used to stabilise the ship during storms. By anchoring our Faith in Christ and always hopeful, Jesus calms the rough waters in our daily lives and brings us Peace.

We can also learn to practice a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world and in wanting everything now; we no longer have time simply to be with others. Families, for example, find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company. Patience has been put to flight by our haste and leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centeredness. Journeying with God and connecting with others can help us calm the turbulent waters and anchor ourselves with hope.

Reflection question(s):

Where could the message of hope resonate in our world today?

What things can bring about greater happiness if I learn to be more patient?

