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**23 December 2025**

**Pastoral Letter to our Pilgrim Places on the Conclusion of the Jubilee Year 2025**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My prayerful greetings to you all!

On behalf of the entire *Archdiocese of Melbourne* I write to offer our deepest thanks and gratitude to your community for your generous hospitality, prayerful welcome, and enthusiastic participation as a designated Pilgrim Place during this sacred year of Jubilee.

The *Year of Jubilee* has been a significant occasion of renewal in our local Church, inviting the faithful from across the Archdiocese to encounter Christ anew through pilgrimage, prayer, and the sacraments. By opening your doors wide to pilgrims who have journeyed from near and far, you have embodied the spirit of Christian hospitality and pilgrimage called for in this Jubilee.

Your commitment as a Pilgrim Place has enriched the Jubilee experience for countless men, women and children across the Archdiocese and beyond. Through your witness of faith and welcome, the mystery of God's love has been made visible and tangible to all who came seeking spiritual nourishment and transformation.

As Pope Francis reminds us, this Jubilee is a time to embrace the hope that does not disappoint, to walk together as pilgrims following Jesus—not as mere tourists, but as disciples on the way to deeper communion with the Lord and with one another.

Please accept our thanks for your hospitality, welcome, prayerful presence, and participation. We pray that your parish/community continues to be a place where all who enter may encounter the merciful love of God, experience renewal in the Holy Spirit, and go forth strengthened in faith.

May God bless you abundantly and may the joy of the Jubilee continue to bear fruit in your community.

With every grace and blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
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