

The light of Christian hope

The theme **'Pilgrims of Hope'** is the theme chosen by The Holy Father Pope Francis in dedicating this year a year of Jubilee. It is a special year of grace and renewal which began on December 24th, 2024, and will run until January 6th, 2026. Throughout this time, we are invited to give particular attention to seek spiritual renewal, deepen our faith, nurturing our relationship with God and be a light of Hope to shine in our Shared World.

The Holy Father prays, that during the Holy Year, "the light of Christian hope might illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all," and that "the Church might bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world." "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

The Holy Father recalled that the fruits of the earth are intended for all and encouraged everyone to come to the assistance of the poor. We are urged to look for signs of hope in the world around us and work for peace and justice.

Pope Francis writes: "If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry."

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. - Nelson Mandela

The members of St. Patrick's Missionary Society have been true pilgrims of Hope for over 90 years; shining the light of Hope in our Missions, throughout many different parts of our shared world. By the grace of God this is made possible by the generosity of prayers and support of you our partners in Mission. The Society Leadership and all the members thank you sincerely.

Some give to the Missions by Going; some go to the Missions by Giving