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## DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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Dear People of the Diocese of Little Rock,

I am delighted to share that Pope Francis will officially open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on December 24, 2024, marking the start of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. This Jubilee, centered on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, will be a year dedicated to fostering hope within our hearts and communities, concluding on January 6, 2026.

In a special decree issued on May 14, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary authorized diocesan bishops to designate churches within their dioceses as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year, allowing the faithful—especially those unable to travel to Rome—to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. In keeping with these instructions from the Holy See, I am pleased to announce the Jubilee Churches in our Diocese of Little Rock:

- **The Cathedral of St. Andrew**, Little Rock — the mother church of our diocese
- **St. Edward Church**, Little Rock
- **Immaculate Conception Church**, Fort Smith
- **St. Joseph Church**, Pine Bluff and
- **St. Mary Church**, Helena

I warmly encourage each of you to embark on a pilgrimage to one of these Jubilee Churches. Let this journey be an opportunity to encounter God's abundant mercy and become true agents of hope in our world.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock