



JUBILEE OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls

October 11, 2025



Closing ceremony of the Jubilee of Consecrated Life

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19.00 - 21.00

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Reading of the Final Jubilee Message

Dear brothers and sisters of the human family, peace be with you all!

We are about four thousand consecrated women and men, coming from every part of the world, and we have set out on our journey to celebrate together our jubilee, guided by a light—our motto: Pilgrims of hope, on the path of peace!

We wish to reach you with this greeting before parting and returning to our lands. We do so with the confidence of those who know one another, who remember names and faces... for we meet in the squares, on the roads—sometimes dusty, sometimes muddy—of the most remote places, in offices, in markets, on public transport, in churches, in your children's classrooms and those of catechism, in hospitals beside the bed of a sick person or behind the coffin of a loved one who has passed away.

By choice, you find us where war rages, where nature rebels, and where dictatorships deny every kind of human right. We share with all of you the sufferings in life's critical moments, as well as the joy of achievements and goals reached.

We entrust everything, with faith and gladness, in our prayer to God, who cares for us and enfolds us with His tenderness.

On the day we said our "yes" to Jesus' call to live according to the Gospel in this form of life, we promised to be a presence—sisters and brothers among all—ready to give life, to generate it, to accompany it, and to believe in its power beyond appearances.

In these days we have crossed the Holy Door, in communion with our Pastor, Pope Leo XIV.

The Jubilee is an opportunity to ask forgiveness for the times when we failed to be a presence of listening and care, when we closed our eyes and hearts. It is also an opportunity to rejoice and give thanks for the good given and received.

We are now ready to set out again with all of you: from here we go forth to proclaim peace with our lives, to build it together with all who nurture the desire for a fully human life, asking respect for the rights of all, beginning with the poorest, the exploited, and the invisible, and appealing to those who hold responsibility in civil society, so that over the logic of profit that crushes the small may prevail the care that helps every seed of life to blossom.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and of us all, be the model of how to build true peace according to God's plan.

*Veni Sancte Spiritus, tui amoris ignem accende.
Veni Sancte Spiritus, veni Sancte Spiritus.*

(President)

Brothers and sisters,

we are gathered in this Basilica, a place that preserves the memory of the Apostle to the Nations. After passing through the Holy Door—the sign of Christ who opens to us the way of salvation—we recognize ourselves as pilgrims of faith, heirs to the proclamation of Paul. Let us now gratefully receive the greeting of the Abbot of the Benedictine community, who welcomes us into this house of prayer and hospitality.

Greeting of the Abbot of the Benedictine Community of Saint Paul Outside the Walls

Introduction to the Profession of Faith

(President)

Saint Paul founded his entire life on faith in Christ Jesus, who was for him anchor and guide, strength in trial and light along the way.

Following the example of the Apostle, we too wish to renew our faith.

This faith is one and catholic; it unites us as the People of God and, at the same time, is expressed in the diversity and richness of peoples and cultures.

For this reason, we will now solemnly proclaim the Creed: with each article, one continent will present a sign, so that our profession of faith may become visible, incarnate, and universal—like the mission that Paul received and that the Church continues to live throughout the world.

Proclamation of the Creed

Reader for Africa (in English)

Text: “Credo in un solo Dio, Padre onnipotente...”

Sign: Jar of red earth – symbol of creation and of the fruitful life that comes from God, the bond of Africa with Mother Earth.

Assembly: Chant: “Credo, credo, Amen!”

Reader for Europe (in Italian)

Text: "Credo in un solo Signore, Gesù Cristo..."

Sign: Book of the Gospels – symbol of the Pasch of Christ, the heart of the faith proclaimed and safeguarded by the Church throughout the centuries.

Assembly: Chant: "Credo, credo, Amen!"

Reader for Asia (in English)

Text: "Credo nello Spirito Santo, che è Signore e dà la vita..."

Sign: Burning incense – symbol of prayer rising to God and of new life in the Spirit.

Assembly: Chant: "Credo, credo, Amen!"

Reader for America (in Spanish)

Text: "Credo la Chiesa, una, santa, cattolica e apostolica..."

Sign: Ears of corn – symbol of the gathered people and the bread shared in communion.

Assembly: Chant: "Credo, credo, Amen!"

Reader for Oceania (in English)

Text: "Aspetto la risurrezione dei morti e la vita del mondo che verrà. Amen."

Sign: Large shell – symbol of Baptism, of eternal hope, and of the journey toward the fullness of life.

Assembly: Chant: "Credo, credo, Amen!"

Conclusion of the Creed

(President)

This is the faith of the Church,
this is the faith of the Apostles,
this is the faith that enlightened Paul's life
and that today unites us, men and women of every land.

We too acknowledge that faith is, for our life,
a sure and steadfast anchor (cf. Heb 6:19).

In this faith we were baptized,
in this faith we wish to live,
in this faith we desire to witness and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

ALL: Amen

Gospel Acclamation

Listening to the Word

Luke 1:39–56

In those days, Mary set out and went with haste to a town in the hill country of Judah. She entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She exclaimed with a loud cry: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon the humility of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from generation to generation for those who fear him. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Pause for silence.

Reflection: Sr. Simona Brambilla

Intentions

*Exaudi orationem meam, et clamor meus ad te veniat.
Tu, Deus, in aeternum permanes, in aeternum permanes.*

Song: "La Ferita" by Cristóbal Fones

Prayer of Renewal of Consecration

Lord Jesus,

at the end of our lives we will come to You with our wounds transformed into scars, signs of Your faithfulness that has never abandoned us.

Today, together, as consecrated sisters and brothers of the whole Church, we renew before You the gift of our lives. We offer them to You: we are fragile, yet eager to praise the life You have given us; we are seekers of peace, bearers of hope, witnesses of Your joy. We have known joys and enthusiasm, but also disappointments and fatigue. Yet we continue to walk on, because You are the faithful God, in love with our humanity, source of a fire that never goes out. Your Gospel is our land, hope our road, and peace the gift we wish to share.

Even when the reasons for which we chose You falter, You renew Your invitation to follow You, and Your promise never fails. O God of mercy, receive our renewed "yes":

may it be humble, true, and generous; may it bear fruits of communion, reconciliation, and peace; may it make our consecration a light for the Church and for the world.

Mary, Mother of faithfulness, walk beside us and guard our hearts, that we may remain always in love with God and witnesses of His boundless joy.

Amén.

(Introduction by the President)

Guided by the same Spirit who makes us children and brothers, let us make of our voices one single voice with the words Jesus taught us.

Let each one say them in his or her own language, a sign of diversity that becomes communion.

Our Father

Sign of Peace

(President)

From the prayer that has united us as children of the same Father now springs the gesture of peace: a sign of reconciliation, of communion, a gift in the Risen Lord.

In this spirit, let us exchange a sign of fraternal peace.

Da pacem Domine, da pacem Domine in diebus nostris.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

This moment of communion that we have lived, we are now called to bear witness to, returning to the places where the Lord calls us to live.

Let us go back to walking the roads of the world as pilgrims of hope on the path of peace, which we receive as a blessing:

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May He make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May He turn His face toward us and give us peace.

May the Lord bless us.

Song: Magnificat

