Preparing for the Jubilee of Mercy: Dates, Themes, and Resources

The following list includes many of the ways the diocesan ministries and offices will be including a focus on the Jubilee of Mercy.

"Show Know Mercy" (2015-2016 theme for the Office for Youth Ministry)

"Men of Mercy" (2015-2016 theme for the Office for Vocations)

"The God of Extravagant Mercy" (theme for 2016 Office of Family Life initiatives, including Annual Men's/Women's Conferences) with intentional invitation to healing (e.g., Project Rachel/Gabriel)

"Go Forth as Heralds of God's Mercy" (2016 BLA Theme)

"Encounter Christ to Transform Lives" (theme of Catholic Charities)

"Compassionate Leadership" (2015-2016 theme [for principals] for the Office of Catholic Schools)

"Jesus Christ is the Merciful Face of the Father," Spanish Apostolate fall conference, Oct. 16-17, with Fr. Dempsey Rosales Acosta

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (the opening day of the Jubilee of Mercy), Tuesday, Dec. 8, Bishop Loverde to celebrate the 12:05 Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

Opening of the Holy Door by Bishop Loverde for the Jubilee of Mercy, Sunday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. Mass, Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (theme for annual Simbang Gabi 9 Day Novena during Advent Dec. 15-23)

Availability (to parishes) of Divine Mercy icon commissioned by the Office for Family Life to facilitate prayer and healing for families throughout the diocese

Closing of all Jubilee Year doors around the world, Nov. 13, 2016

Close of the Jubilee of Mercy, Solemnity of Christ the King, Nov. 20, 2016

In Development:

- Communications materials and Arlington *Catholic Herald* features which will emphasize stories of mercy, and report on parish/diocesan/Vatican events
- Bishop Loverde's WTOP spots to include focus on mercy
- Promotion of times/locations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (in addition to The Light is On)
- Promotion of Eucharistic Adorations times/locations
- 2Minutes2Virtue spots to include focus on mercy