



ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We Are Ambassadors for Christ



February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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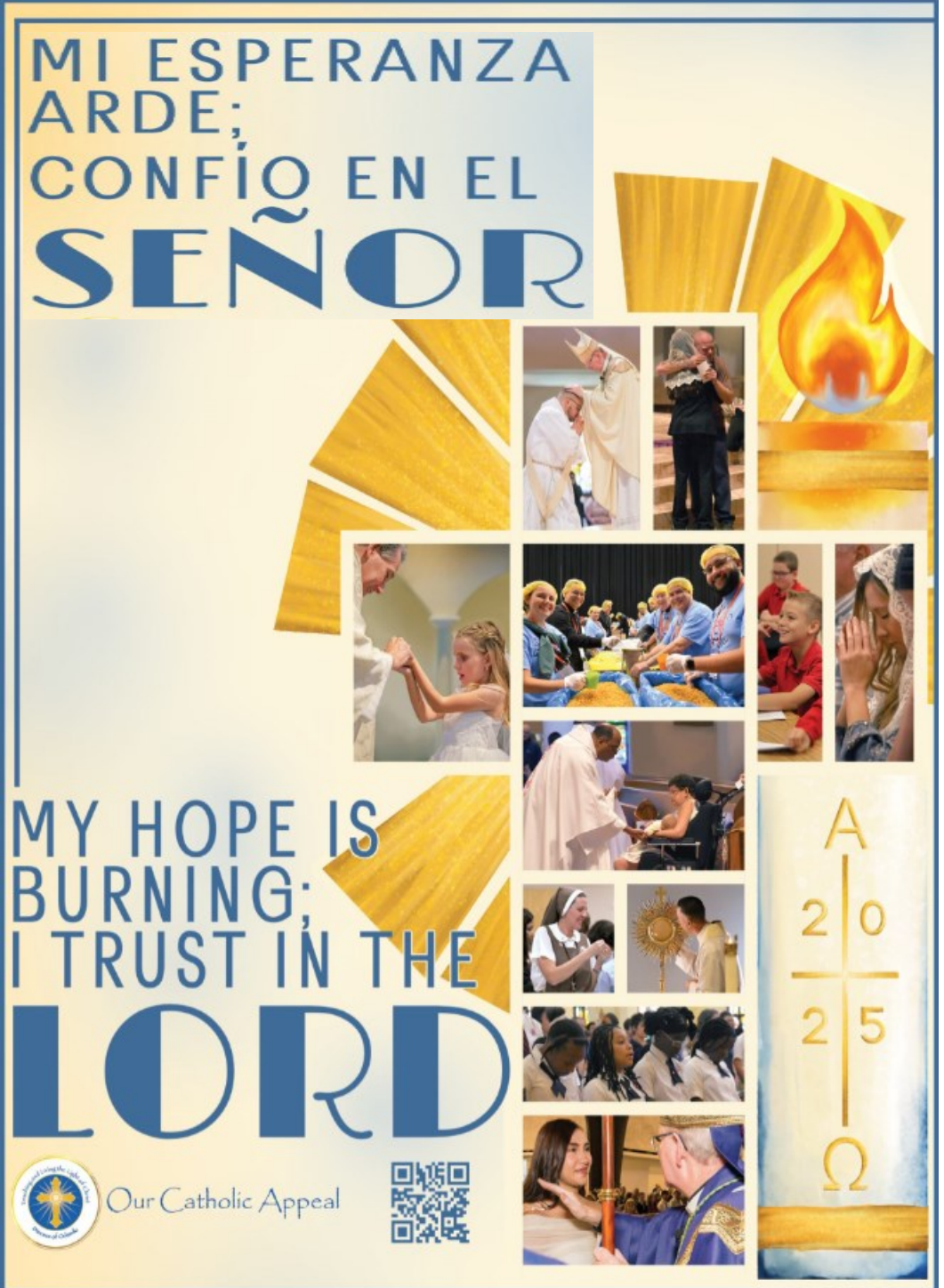
Thank you for joining us today!
¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

MI ESPERANZA
ARDE;
CONFÍO EN EL
SEÑOR

MY HOPE IS
BURNING;
I TRUST IN THE
LORD



Our Catholic Appeal



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MASS SCHEDULE



Parishioners are invited to come celebrate with us the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - Eng.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 4:00 PM - Eng.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 6:00 PM - Sp.

Sunday 8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 AM - Eng. 12:00 PM - Sp. 6:00 PM - Sp.

Confessions:

Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, English & Spanish, or by appointment.

Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00 PM Thomas Edward Landwehrie

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Frank Suarez

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:00 AM † Jimmy Asuncion

10:00 AM † Josefina Martinez

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Efrain Torres Garcia

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Hilnolio Moreno

Monday, February 17, 2025

9:00 AM † Walter Cruz Madrera

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

9:00 AM †

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, February 20, 2025

9:00 AM † Sonia Maria Rodriguez

Friday, February 21, 2025

9:00 AM †

Saturday, February 22, 2025

4:00 PM † Isaura Salazar

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Giaconda & Adriana Cabrera

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:00 AM † Families Badong & Palencia

10:00 AM † Frank Cavaleri

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Intentions Alexander & Israel Pineda

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Laura Isabel Velez

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

February 8 & 9, 2025

Regular Offertory: \$17,758.50
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$0
50/50: Winner has been notified - \$191.25
Faith Direct 1-15: \$5,180.38
Miscellaneous: \$3,737



OCA 2024 Update:

Please consider supporting Our Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$193,346.72
Pledged to Date: \$190,889.61
Cash received to Date: \$181,889.61
Still needed in Pledges: \$2,457.11

While we have made a lot of progress in pledges, there is an amount in pledges that needs to be covered.

Thank you for helping to spread the good news of salvation!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place all day on **Fridays** in the church from 9:30 AM-6:30 PM.

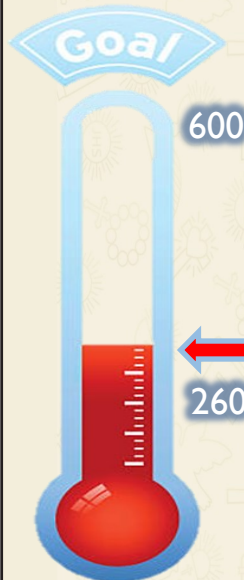
***Every first Friday of the month, the reposition will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.**



Ministerio San Jose se reunirá el mes de Febrero en el hogar de la familia de:

Sergio & Anabel Coyt
1176 Bice Grove Rd.
Haines City, FL 33844

MAKE OUR LEGACY NEW



We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to our "Making the Old Legacy New" Capital Campaign. Here is an update:

We are looking for a total of 600 families to join our collective effort, each willing to contribute \$3,120 over three years.

At this moment, we have received promises from 260 families.

We want to stress the importance of the promises for the campaign's success.

We are deeply grateful for your past contributions. Your generosity has brought us this far, and we are confident we will reach our goal with your continued support. God bless you!

HOW ARE WE TODAY?



When Deacon Steven asks at the beginning of his homilies, “How are my people of St. Ann?” his expectation and the tradition that we have started when we hear this question is that we are blessed. When we feel blessings everywhere, we are always happy people of God because we can always see the Lord’s hands in our lives. Today’s Gospel is all about being blessed. Some versions of the Bible use the expression “happy are those”...If we, therefore, replace the word “blessed” with “happy” in the expressions “Blessed are you poor,” “Blessed are you that hunger,” “Blessed are you that weep,” “Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil,” we can then ask the questions: How can one be happy who is poor? How can one be satisfied when they are hungry? How can one maintain happiness while weeping? How can one rejoice when rejected, hated, or cast out? The beatitudes must have a deeper meaning than the standard human language. Finding happiness and hope in our suffering is what it’s all about.

Getting it straight, good health is preferred to sickness, joy is more acceptable than sorrow, success is more interesting than failure, riches are more cherished than poverty, and we can continue the thesis and antithesis. The reality in our lives is that to suffer is not welcome or sweet. A life of faith is constantly challenged in moments of suffering or pain, and we must remain close to the Lord and join our miseries to the cross of Jesus if we want to receive the fruits of salvation. This is especially true in circumstances in which we don’t want to live or when we feel abandoned. These are times in which only our comfort comes from God. But it is absolute comfort and relief because in and with God, we have a true refuge that elevates our human-limited condition to a superior dimension that brings us a lot of hope and peace. Learning to wait and place everything in the hands of the Lord makes us feel truly blessed.

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

“My Hope is burning, I Trust in the Lord.”

Our Catholic Appeal (OCA) is an annual opportunity for every member of our faith family to support the life-changing work and ministries of the Diocese of Orlando. Gifts to Our Catholic Appeal fund a variety of ministries that serve our nine counties in ways that no parish could alone. Annual gifts to Our Catholic Appeal provide essential funding to ministries that benefit every Catholic parish, school, and family in Central Florida. This funding provides critical support for our seminarians and retired priests, tuition assistance, health and housing care to people in need, faith programs for children, families, and adults, assistance for migrant workers, the disabled, and outreach programs such as Catholic Charities of Central Florida.

Why is the OCA important? The OCA funds the ministries and services benefitting every Catholic in the Diocese of Orlando. It supports the work of diocesan offices and agencies and our Church’s work beyond the diocese. Your participation helps those whose needs are the greatest, the poor, the vulnerable, and those on the margins of our society. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to Catholic education and the fight for the unborn. It supports those who are ill, imprisoned, and dying. It helps strengthen struggling families and offers counseling to the grieving and the addicted, enabling thousands of individuals and families throughout the diocese to make positive changes to improve their lives.

How does my parish benefit from the Annual Catholic Appeal? Every Appeal gift supports diocesan programs and ministries, which provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Additionally, the programs supported by the Appeal are concentrated in four areas: Catholic Education, Pastoral Services, Catholic Charities, and Administration & Communications.

At St. Ann Parish, it has always been a tradition to give joy and support our Bishop and diocese through Our Catholic Appeal with the best disposition. We are consistently achieving 100% percent of our prior assessments. We start the 2025 campaign, trusting the Lord that we can continue bringing the Gospel to those who are most in need. As Catholics, our calling is to bring charity into our hearts, which is just one way our diocese makes us all part of that mission.

Our Parish goal is \$191,737. Once we achieve this goal, most additional funds will be returned to our parish to support our own special needs. Thank you for your generosity!



Our Catholic Appeal

DONOR TAX LETTERS

END-OF-YEAR DONOR TAX LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.



Please stop by the Parish Office to obtain yours.

Thank you!

OUR LEGACY CONTINUES

We want to remind all those who wish to participate in the remodeling of the Fr. Anderson Building with the "Make Our Legacy New" campaign of the following important instructions:

1. If you received a pledge envelope, it is important to remember that the immediate objective is to collect personal information such as: Name, Address, and Phone Number.
2. With this information given, you will be counted as one of the donors the campaign requires for the next three years. It is vitally important that this information is on the envelope.
3. It is also important to remember that while pledge payment collection will begin on January 1, 2025, we need the envelope with your information as soon as possible.
4. We have learned that many people wish to make a single payment for the total three-year commitment of \$3,120. This option reduces handling and paperwork costs.
5. A website has been set up for those who want to pledge electronically: www.cfof.org/stannlegacy
6. We have designated two acrylic boxes to insert the pledge envelopes in the Narthex. The names of Fr. Alfonso and Fr. Jose Luis can identify the boxes.
7. We invite you to continue being generous when putting money in the box containing the model, designed for those who cannot commit to a three-year commitment. Can you identify the figures of the Deacons and Priests?



BRING YOUR OLD PALMS

FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

*Bring your
old palms*

Bins in the Narthex

BURNING OF THE PALMS

March 4, 2025

**Burning of the Old Palms
Ceremony**

**in preparation for
Ash Wednesday**



Please join us at the 9:00 AM Mass.

K OF C BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP



*Breakfast &
Fellowship*

Adults - \$8.00
Children - \$5.00
(under 12 years)



After 8 am and 10 am Mass

February 16 and March 16

SAINT OF THE WEEK: PETER DAMIAN



Maybe because he was orphaned and had been treated shabbily by one of his brothers, Peter Damian was very good to the poor. It was ordinary for him to have a poor person or two with him at the table, and he liked to minister personally to their needs.

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his brother when his other brother, Ravenna's archpriest, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools, and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously, and prayed for many hours. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself to prayer with the Benedictines for the reform of St. Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks in a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died, Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony—buying church offices—and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy. He also urged the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they sang the psalms in the Divine Office.

He wrote many letters. Some 170 are extant. We also have 53 of his sermons and seven lives, or biographies, that he wrote. He preferred examples and stories rather than theory in his writings. The liturgical offices he wrote are evidence of his talent as a stylist in Latin.

He often asked to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally, Pope Alexander II consented. Peter was happy to become a monk once again, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

Reflection: Peter was a reformer, and if he were alive today, he would no doubt encourage the renewal started by Vatican II. He would also applaud the greater emphasis on prayer shown by the growing number of priests, religious, and laypersons who gather regularly for prayer, as well as the special houses of prayer recently established by many religious communities.

WELCOME FR. JOHN DE LA ROSA



We'd like to give a warm welcome to Fr. John J. De La Rosa from the Diocese of Philadelphia. His last assignment was at St. Bartholomew, and now he is a retired priest.

Fr. De La Rosa will be at St. Ann's in February. We're very fortunate to have him with us and are eager to hear all he has to share and teach us!

Welcome, Father! We are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy your visit. We'd love for you to join us whenever you can!



¿CÓMO ESTAMOS HOY?



Cuando el diácono Steven pregunta al comienzo de sus homilías: "¿Cómo está mi pueblo de Santa Ana?", su expectativa y la tradición que hemos iniciado cuando escuchamos esta pregunta es que somos bendecidos. Cuando sentimos bendiciones en todas partes, siempre somos felices como pueblo de Dios porque siempre podemos ver las manos del Señor en nuestras vidas. El Evangelio de hoy trata de ser bendecidos. Algunas versiones de la Biblia usan la expresión "felices los que"... Si, por lo tanto, reemplazamos la palabra "benditos" por "felices" en las expresiones "Bienaventurados los pobres", "Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre", "Bienaventurados los

que lloran", "Bienaventurados los que os odien, os excluyan, os injurien y proscriban vuestro nombre como malo", entonces podemos hacer las preguntas: ¿Cómo puede ser feliz un pobre? ¿Cómo puede uno estar satisfecho cuando tiene hambre? ¿Cómo puede uno mantener la felicidad mientras llora? ¿Cómo puede uno regocijarse cuando es rechazado, odiado o expulsado? Las bienaventuranzas deben tener un significado más profundo que el lenguaje humano estándar. De lo que se trata es de encontrar felicidad y esperanza en nuestro sufrimiento.

Entendámoslo bien, la salud es preferible a la enfermedad, la alegría es más aceptable que la tristeza, el éxito es más interesante que el fracaso, las riquezas son más apreciadas que la pobreza, y podemos continuar con la tesis y la antítesis. La realidad en nuestras vidas es que sufrir no es bienvenido ni dulce. Una vida de fe se ve constantemente desafiada en momentos de sufrimiento o dolor, y debemos permanecer cerca del Señor y unir nuestras miserias a la cruz de Jesús si queremos recibir los frutos de la salvación. Esto es especialmente cierto en circunstancias en las que no queremos vivir o cuando nos sentimos abandonados. Son momentos en los que nuestro consuelo sólo viene de Dios. Pero es un consuelo y alivio absoluto porque en y con Dios, tenemos un verdadero refugio que eleva nuestra condición humanamente limitada a una dimensión superior que nos trae mucha esperanza y paz. Aprender a esperar y poner todo en manos del Señor nos hace sentir verdaderamente bienaventurados.

P. Alfonso Cely
Párroco

NUESTRA CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA

"Mi esperanza está encendida, confío en el Señor".

Nuestra Campaña Católica (OCA, por sus siglas en inglés) es una oportunidad anual para que cada miembro de nuestra familia de fe apoye el trabajo y los ministerios que cambian la vida de la Diócesis de Orlando. Las donaciones a Nuestra Campaña Católica financian una variedad de ministerios que sirven a nuestros nueve condados de maneras que ninguna parroquia podría hacerlo sola. Las donaciones anuales a Nuestra Campaña Católica brindan fondos esenciales a los ministerios que benefician a cada parroquia, escuela y familia católica en Florida Central. Estos fondos brindan apoyo fundamental a nuestros seminaristas y sacerdotes jubilados, asistencia para la matrícula, atención médica y de vivienda para personas necesitadas, programas de fe para niños, familias y adultos, asistencia para trabajadores migrantes, discapacitados y programas de extensión como Catholic Charities of Central Florida.

¿Por qué es importante la OCA? OCA financia los ministerios y servicios que benefician a todos los católicos en la Diócesis de Orlando. Apoya el trabajo de las oficinas y agencias diocesanas y el trabajo de nuestra Iglesia más allá de la diócesis. Su participación ayuda a aquellos cuyas necesidades son mayores, los pobres, los vulnerables y los marginados de nuestra sociedad. Su donación demuestra su compromiso con la educación católica y la lucha por los no nacidos. Apoya a los enfermos, encarcelados y moribundos. Ayuda a fortalecer a las familias en dificultades y ofrece asesoramiento a los afligidos y a los adictos, lo que permite que miles de personas y familias en toda la diócesis realicen cambios positivos para mejorar sus vidas.

¿Cómo se beneficia mi parroquia de la Campaña Católica Anual? Cada donación a la Campaña apoya los programas y ministerios diocesanos, que brindan servicios que ninguna parroquia puede ofrecer por sí sola. Además, los programas apoyados por la Campaña se concentran en cuatro áreas: Educación Católica, Servicios Pastorales, Caridades Católicas y Administración y Comunicaciones.

En la Parroquia St. Ann, siempre ha sido una tradición dar alegría y apoyar a nuestro Obispo y a la diócesis a través de Nuestra Campaña Católica con la mejor disposición. Constantemente estamos logrando el 100% de nuestras evaluaciones anteriores. Comenzamos la campaña 2025 confiando en el Señor que podemos seguir llevando el Evangelio a los más necesitados. Como católicos, nuestro llamado es llevar la caridad a nuestros corazones, que es solo una de las formas en que nuestra diócesis nos hace a todos parte de esa misión.

Nuestra meta parroquial es \$191,737. Una vez que alcancemos esta meta, la mayoría de los fondos adicionales se devolverán a nuestra parroquia para apoyar nuestras propias necesidades especiales. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



Our Catholic Appeal

REPORTES ANUALES DISPONIBLES

Reportes anuales de contribuciones ya están disponibles.

Acérquese a la oficina para recoger el suyo.

¡Gracias!



TRAIGAN SUS PALMAS DE AÑOS ANTERIORES

PARA MIERCOLES DE CENIZA

Por favor traer las palmas de años anteriores para que sean quemadas y utilizadas el miércoles de ceniza.

Canastas en el Nartex

MISA DE QUEMA DE PALMAS

4 DE MARZO 2025

Tendremos la Ceremonia de quema de Palmas

En preparación para el Miércoles de Ceniza

Por favor únete a nosotros

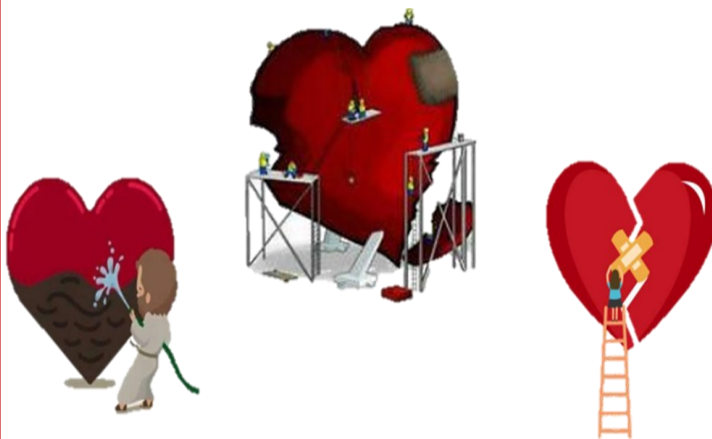
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TALLERES DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA

JOVEN

Jesús Quiere Reparar Tu Corazón



TALLER DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA PARA JÓVENES (17 a 30 años)

Comenzando: Jueves, 6 de Marzo 2025

Hora: 7:00-8:45 PM

Lugar: PARROQUIA SANTA ANA, Salón Padre Anderson

Información: Lucy Figueroa, (757) 469-9060, Luzmfigueroa50@gmail.com



ORACIÓN DEL JUBILEO

Padre que estás en el cielo, la fe que nos has donado en tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano, y la llama de caridad infundida en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, despierten en nosotros la bienaventurada esperanza en la venida de tu Reino.

Tu gracia nos transforme en dedicados cultivadores de las semillas del Evangelio que fermentan la humanidad y el cosmos, en espera confiada de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva, cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal, se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.

La gracia del Jubileo reavive en nosotros, Peregrinos de Esperanza, el anhelo de los bienes celestiales y derrame en el mundo entero la alegría y la paz de nuestro Redentor.

A ti, Dios bendito eternamente, sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos. Amén.