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## World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2, 2025

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men in consecrated life. This global celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Feast is also known as Candlemas, the day on which candles are blessed symbolising Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The Jubilee of Consecrated Life will take place in Rome October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> which will gather Religious from all over the world.

There are several ways to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life.

- You are welcome to use the specially prepared Prayers of the Faithful – attached.
- If there are congregations in your parish/diocese, maybe welcome them to a local celebration. (Some dioceses will mark this on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, other celebrations can take place later in the year.)
- If there are members of your parish who are members of Religious Life, but live elsewhere, it is a good opportunity to remember them.
- If you have schools in your parish/community that were set up by a Religious Order and may be now part of one of the new Trusts, suggest to local chaplains and RE Teachers to invite students to research the word and origins of their school ethos.
- Daring to Hope – [www.daringtohope.ie](http://www.daringtohope.ie) is a website chronicling the social impact of Irish Religious Sisters over 100 years.

For More information on Religious Life – [www.amri.ie](http://www.amri.ie) (Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious Ireland) – [info@amri.ie](mailto:info@amri.ie)

For More information on Vocations to Religious Life – [www.vocationsireland.ie](http://www.vocationsireland.ie)

To find out more about what is happening around Ireland to celebrate the Jubilee of Hope, in Ireland and Rome – [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Embassy in Rome have a good resource page and interactive map of Rome – More Information - <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/holy-see/jubilee-year-of-mercy/>

Holy See Official Jubilee Website - <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/roma/grandi-eventi.html>



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## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may experience that 'joy of the gospel' which he so ardently desires to be the inspiration of the whole community of Christ's missionary disciples.

We pray to the Lord.

2. For all whose calling is to Religious Life, that they may be faithful witnesses to the unconditional love of God for all creation and the whole human community.

We pray to the Lord.

3. As we celebrate the Jubilee of Hope, we pray that all peoples may find in the conviction and generosity of Christians a ground for the hope which does not disappoint.

We pray to the Lord.

4. For a deepening of our understanding of synodality, so that many more people may come to feel at home in our Church, and nobody feel judged by those who differ from them.

We pray to the Lord.

5. For Christian communities of all denominations, that we may be attentive to the call for or a more outward-looking, missionary Church.

We pray to the Lord.

6. For people of all faiths and none, that we may work together in commitment to safeguarding all life on planet Earth and community in our common home.

We pray to the Lord.

7. We pray for lasting Peace throughout the world and for pilgrims of hope to emerge and offer pathways to peace and offer hope to the world.

We Pray to the Lord

