

## Marian Year

***December 8, 2024 - December 8, 2025***

*BVM Church — Warners, NY*

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## Jubilee Year

***December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026***

*Entire Catholic World*

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*Resolution Details*

***Let us be committed!***

Dear Faithful,

I offer here the document ushering in a Marian Year for our parish. Please review the content and prepare to *commit* in some way(s). Hopefully we can all benefit from this occasion. The world needs homes dedicated to the truth in word and action. Let us put into action what we speak in word!

According to St. Francis de Sales in his Introduction to the Devout Life speaking on the the "7<sup>th</sup> truth" of the interior life, which refers to the development of one's spiritual life, he says: "A true increase in virtue is achieved through a consistent and dedicated practice of small, everyday acts of goodness, rather than grand gestures or occasional acts of piety. Essentially, focusing on cultivating 'little virtues' in daily life leads to a deeper and more authentic spiritual growth." As we thank God for the past 25 years of daily sacraments, let us strive to be faithful to what we have received. To this end, anticipate more graces in the future, having a more vibrant parish life in the next 25 years, by following this advice and be *committed* to increasing our virtue — day by day!

"The more a family gets involved in the life of a chapel or priory, the stronger and more capable of setting a good example it becomes. The altar naturally becomes a landmark for such a family and the source of its spiritual life; the devotion that it shows enables it to grow in generosity, and little by little the liturgical and sacramental life detaches it from the spirit of the world and promotes the nurturing of the Christian virtues." — General Superior of the SSPX (interview in November-December 2024 — Angelus Magazine)

Principle / purpose support from one and all —

- "[I]f we expect something good from society, we must expect it particularly from the family." — St. Pius X (cf. FATHERS! by Fr. Jean-Dominique, OP, p. 18)
- "One of the first characteristics of a true leader of the family must therefore be his sense of responsibility... The future...of society will depend on great part of his competence and on his seriousness [to duty]. The apples does not fall far from the tree." — Ibid.
- Let us foster the apostolate in some manner, in gratitude for the fruits of the past 25; if we do not grow it, we might lose it!
  - take a certain task and own it
  - adjust as needed — take one now, find another later
  - based on charity! — avoid vanity

Investment advantages —

- "Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remains alone. But if it die, it brings forth much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world, keeps it unto life eternal." — JH 12:24-5
- "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?" — MK 8:36
- Let us encourage the children to commit and thus imitate the Scriptures and die to self — so to rise! A true and important investment program!
- Our Lady of Lourdes — The Immaculate Conception — asked for penance and that St. Bernadette dig in the dirt. She committed herself to a life of sacrifice. Let us follow in the ways we can.
- "Suffering puts great treasures within our reach. Indeed it is our very livelihood and so precious that Jesus came down upon earth on purpose to possess it." — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Bonus / benefit (this year) —

- confessions *during* 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass
- vocation prayer added to 1<sup>st</sup> Friday devotions
- Mother of Lu Prayer augmented
- new (on loan for the year) statue of Our Lady (Immaculate)
- Doors open more hours per day for adoration

- “Adoration is so important in Christian life... It is the main obligation as creatures to adore Him Who made us. Until we have learned to adore God in spirit and truth, life is bound to be very troublesome.” — Carmelite Spirituality by Cardinal Arborelius, OCD, p. 115

Play your P.A.R.T.!

- Petition
- Adoration
- Reparation
- Thanksgiving

Particular resolution options / suggestions —

- Review bulletin (for personal gain)
- Read B.I.B.L.E....Basic Information Before Leaving Earth
- Works of Mercy — children invest via sacrifice in the future...
- volunteer at MD Academy (as a cook or substitute teacher)
- give up alcohol for a given period (month, year)
- go on retreat
- attend a recollection
- attend Compline — Prime — Benediction — extra Masses
- attend catechism (Sunday and/or Tuesday)
- become a knight of Mary
- be enrolled in the scapular
- be enrolled in the St. Philomena cord
- commit to a holy hour per month
- make daily meditation
- unplug from media (for a given period)
- delete social media
- avoid movies, TV, and /or video games (for a given period)
- avoid poor music choices (rock, rap, and even some modern country should not be part of the Catholic diet)
- enroll children in a Catholic school
- support a student tuition
- unable to volunteer — donate to a charitable cause (many ways to contribute)

*Commitment + Accountability = Success*

*“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”*  
— Vince Lombardi

Outcome desired —

The intention emphasized this Jubilee Year is religious vocations and thus a goal of this Marian Year is commitment to God’s will — increase in virtue! That will produce vocations (over time.) Let us make our homes castles for God! We do not want churches only to be places where we can pray and find strength for the day. We need to find within our homes the necessary elements to cultivate souls for God. This requires that we have the proper atmosphere for prayer, spiritual reading, and virtue. We need to keep the worldly spirit out as much as possible. Keep certain books, music, media, dress, and behavior outside the home. Make time for God now and not just in times of crisis. Receiving a priest into your home for a particular occasion could help you put things in place as they ought to be. The hope is that things will stay in place!

Monthly sermons will be given during 2025 (usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month) —

The focus of these sermons will be Mariology. Priests will try to cultivate in the faithful a better knowledge of and thus greater love of Our Lady, the Immaculate! This will be accomplished by offering words from the Sunday / lives of the saints / current events to which things apply. Suggestions in practical advice on how to grow in our devotion to Mary will be given as well.

The lack of commitment in the modern world is rampant. We wish to be different from the ways of the world. Let us commit!

You have my prayers as we all seek to commit this year. The world does well at committing to certain things. All of us have committed in the past. We wish to follow the natural good we see and bring it to a whole new level!

More materials and updates will be provided throughout the year. These items will be focused on the wall opposite the North American Martyr pictures outside the gym. Keep your eyes on that area for good news and opportunities to commit to a virtuous task!

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Richard Boyle  
Pastor

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### **Ways to partake in the Marian Year, to grow in virtue by committing to something good —**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday devotions (x9 consecutive months)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays devotions (x5 consecutive months)
- enthronement of household to the Sacred Heart
  - or solemn renewal of this enthronement
- have house blessed (if never done)
- have vehicles blessed (if never done)
- *liturgy*
  - serve — — assist sacristy work
  - join choir — — schola
  - play organ
- *community*
  - join Third Order (of SSPX)
  - join Holy Name Society (HNS) — — Altar and Rosary Society (ARS) — — Eucharistic Crusade
  - assist with Eucharistic Crusade
    - Local level:
      - Captain
      - Helpers (x4) — assist at meetings and help give ideas for the meetings
    - District level:
      - Mailers for the *Hostia*
      - Helpers for the *Hostia*
        - artists — — designer — — proof readers
  - support St. Joseph's festival
  - join Auriesville pilgrimage
- *assist with maintenance*
  - priory cleaning
  - join chapel cleaning team
  - lawn care
  - construction projects (to come)
  - plowing
  - vehicles
  - janitorial work

### **Dates to remember 2025 —**

- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes — February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Feast of the Annunciation — March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Fatima Apparition — May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Queenship Procession — May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Fatima Apparition — June 13<sup>th</sup>
- Fatima Apparition — July 13<sup>th</sup>
- Enrollment in Brown Scapular — July 16<sup>th</sup>
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration — August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Parish Picnic (anniversary celebration for all) — August 10<sup>th</sup>
- St. Philomena's Feast — August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Procession with Blessed Virgin Statue — August 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fatima Apparition — August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Fatima Apparition — September 13<sup>th</sup>

- Auriesville Pilgrimage — September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Rosary Procession (Syracuse) — October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Patroness' Feast Day — October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Fatima Apparition — October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Enrollment in the Knights of the Immaculate — November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Parish Consecration to the Immaculate — December 8<sup>th</sup>

Recommendations —

- The Angelus Magazine — November-December 2024 edition — General Superior's interview pp. 2-6
- Novitiate of the Holy Angles Newsletter # 15, Autumn 2024— rector's letter and Poverty and Joy article
- Book of Isaias (good Advent reading for all)

**FORTER vocations during year — cf. General Superior...**

**Mother of Lu Prayer (cf. website / elongated prayer...)**

**VOCATION prayer**

**VIRTUE prayer**