



Jubilee Pledge

a guide for schools

Jubilee 2025: **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



"For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope." Pope Francis

The Jubilee Year is a landmark moment in the life of the global Church.

School communities are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

Children and young people will explore and experience the vital role they have as agents of change, recognising that a better world needs all of us.



BUILDING A BETTER WORLD TOGETHER

We are invited to take time out to reflect on our mission as Catholic school communities, and to recommit to ensure a just and fair world for all our sisters and brothers.

It is a chance for us to deepen our faith, shine the light of hope and take a pledge to build a better world together, so that everyone can live life to the full.



As agents of the Bishops Conference, The Catholic Education Service, CAFOD and CSAN, with support from CYMFED, are working together to support Catholic schools celebrate the Jubilee Year.

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MAKING A COMMITMENT

Catholic schools are incredible places where we grow in faith and the witness of God's love. Knowing that we are loved by God, we can become signs of hope for others, taking action to care for one another, and for God's creation.

During June or July we are invited to choose a date to reflect on our mission, commit to a 'sign of hope' and stand in solidarity with communities experiencing poverty by pledging to take concrete actions to advance justice and harmony locally, nationally, and globally.

Visit jubilee-schools.org.uk for Pledge Day resources.

- 1 Set a date in June or July**
Perhaps on your school Feast day? Or as part of your Pentecost celebration?
- 2 Order or download a pledge poster**
- 3 Consider how to mark it with your whole school community**
(Ideas on page 6!)
- 4 Make your commitment to building a better world**



WHY NOW?

A Jubilee is a significant moment in the life of the Church that happens every 25 years. Biblically, the Jubilee is a time of renewal, celebration, rest and freedom.

In Old Testament times, debts were cancelled, prisoners and slaves were freed, and even the land was able to rest.

Then and now, God is constantly calling us to renewal. Together, as a community, we're invited to respond to the call for human flourishing. Our pledge will be a constant reminder of our commitment to work for a fairer world.

The Jubilee Year offers children and young people a unique opportunity to make clear links between our faith, our learning, and taking action.

In the light of learning why the Jubilee is important, pupils will be able to take a leading role in responding to the demands of Catholic Social Teaching by taking action locally, nationally and globally and clearly articulating the theology underpinning their actions.



SIGNS OF HOPE

'All it takes is one good person to restore hope!'

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*



St Gregory's Catholic High School

Pope Francis has asked us to be signs of hope for others. He encourages us to put Catholic Social Teaching into action through caring for our common home and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

We know that the world is facing many of these challenges. By joining together with millions of others in this Jubilee Year, we can help to bring the light of hope and the message of God's love to every part of the world.



WE ARE ALL CONNECTED

We can all be pilgrims of hope and make a positive impact in 2025 by hearing both the 'cry of the earth' and the 'cry of the poor'. We can recognise that everything is connected. We can walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.



REFRESH YOUR MISSION STATEMENT

In the light of the Jubilee pledge of justice and harmony, all Catholic Schools are invited to refresh and renew their mission statement. Find the Vision, Values and Mission Toolkit at jubilee-schools.org.uk

A PATHWAY TO YOUR PLEDGE

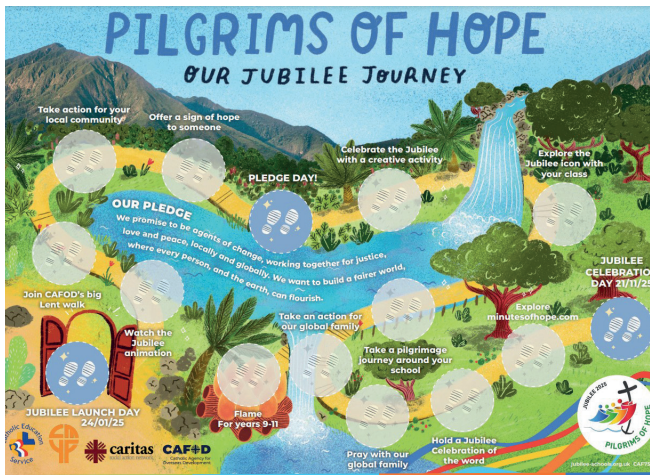
Children and young people have a vital role in being signs of hope in an unfair world. This year there are many ways to live out your school's pledge and put faith into action, locally, nationally and globally.



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

We are invited to reflect on our pilgrim journey through the 'pastoral cycle' of 'see, judge, act'. This methodology will help children and young people to understand issues of injustice, discern, and take action to bring about change in the light of Gospel values.

As you journey through the year, you may want to mark the actions your school takes on a pilgrim map.



Order your pilgrim map and stickers at shop.cafod.org.uk

HOW TO LIVE OUT YOUR PLEDGE

You are already living out Catholic Social Teaching at your school. Think of ways to embed CST at the heart of school life to ensure long term commitment to justice.



St Chad's Catholic Primary School



All Saints Catholic High School



St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

- ▶ Commit to fair trade goods in school
- ▶ Use global learning resources in class
- ▶ Support the local foodbank
- ▶ Fundraise regularly for our global family
- ▶ Include a bidding prayer for our global family every week
- ▶ Welcome refugees
- ▶ Help children and young people to articulate the theology underpinning their actions
- ▶ Speak out for justice by joining a campaign
- ▶ Implement zero-waste lunches once a week
- ▶ Connect with Catholic charities like CAFOD and your diocesan Caritas

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School



WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE
working together to build a better world



Order a Pilgrims of Hope banner and display it on your school gates as a physical sign of your pledge commitment:
shop.cafod.org.uk

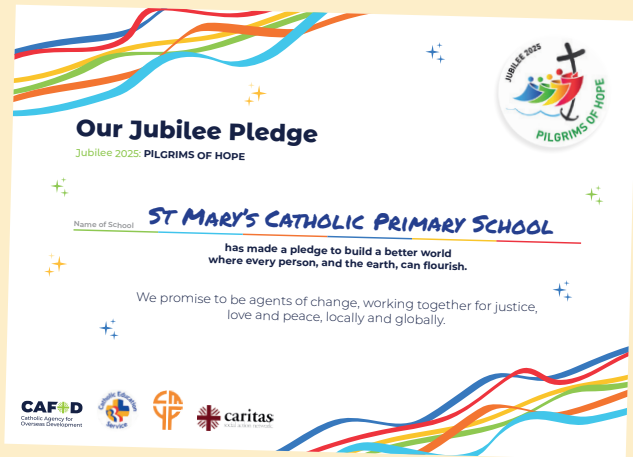
IDEAS FOR MARKING YOUR PLEDGE DAY:

Celebrate your Pledge Day and make it a day to remember that involves the whole school community.

- ▶ Hold a Celebration of the word
- ▶ Explore issues of injustice through education resources
- ▶ Send individual pledges home for families to commit together
- ▶ Invite your local parish to join the pledge
- ▶ Visit jubilee-schools.org.uk for more ideas.

Tell us about your pledge to receive your certificate

Tell us how your school has taken the Jubilee pledge and we will send you a certificate to display as a sign of your commitment to work for the common good.



Email: schools@cafod.org.uk and share a photo on [@CAFODSchools](https://www.instagram.com/CAFODSchools)

Jubilee Pledge 2025:



We are pilgrims of hope.

We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.

We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally.

We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

As pilgrims of hope, we are on a mission to build a world where:

- **We recognise** the dignity of every person, loved and created by God.
- **We follow** the example of Jesus' love and his mission to bring good news 'to the poor'. (Luke 4)
- **We work** for the common good of all, understanding that our actions impact our local and global family because we are all interconnected.
- **We are good stewards** of the earth, knowing that the earth's gifts are for everyone, not just for a privileged few.
- **We prepare** a path to peace in our world, challenging the root causes of poverty and injustice.
- **We speak out** for debt relief, to set free those who are burdened by unjust debt.
- **We work together** with CAFOD and our local Caritas to be practical signs of hope and put love into action.

At _____

we will do this by _____



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