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2025 *a year of jubilee*

By: Jennifer Redenius: Catholic Passage Board Member

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee, or Holy Year, is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into the right relationship with God, and with one another. A Jubilee Year is celebrated every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. Pope Francis declared the theme for this year "Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

The Jubilee Year is an opportunity to respond to God's call to turn to him and to pursue justice. Often, people will go on pilgrimage during a Jubilee year, to Rome or another holy site.

Your family may not be in a place to go on pilgrimage in this year of Jubilee, but there are things you can do together this summer to celebrate this year of being "Pilgrims of Hope."

Your family can see reconciliation with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a key element of the Jubilee year. Your family could also find ways to engage in corporal or spiritual works of mercy. For example, you could feed the hungry, visit the sick, or offer comfort to those who need it. Together, you and your family can take extra time to pray, read scripture, or engage in a family Bible study. You can also look into different activities your parish or Diocese may be putting on to celebrate the year of Jubilee.

Take a minute to reflect on how you and your family can be Pilgrims of Hope this summer!

YEAR OF JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

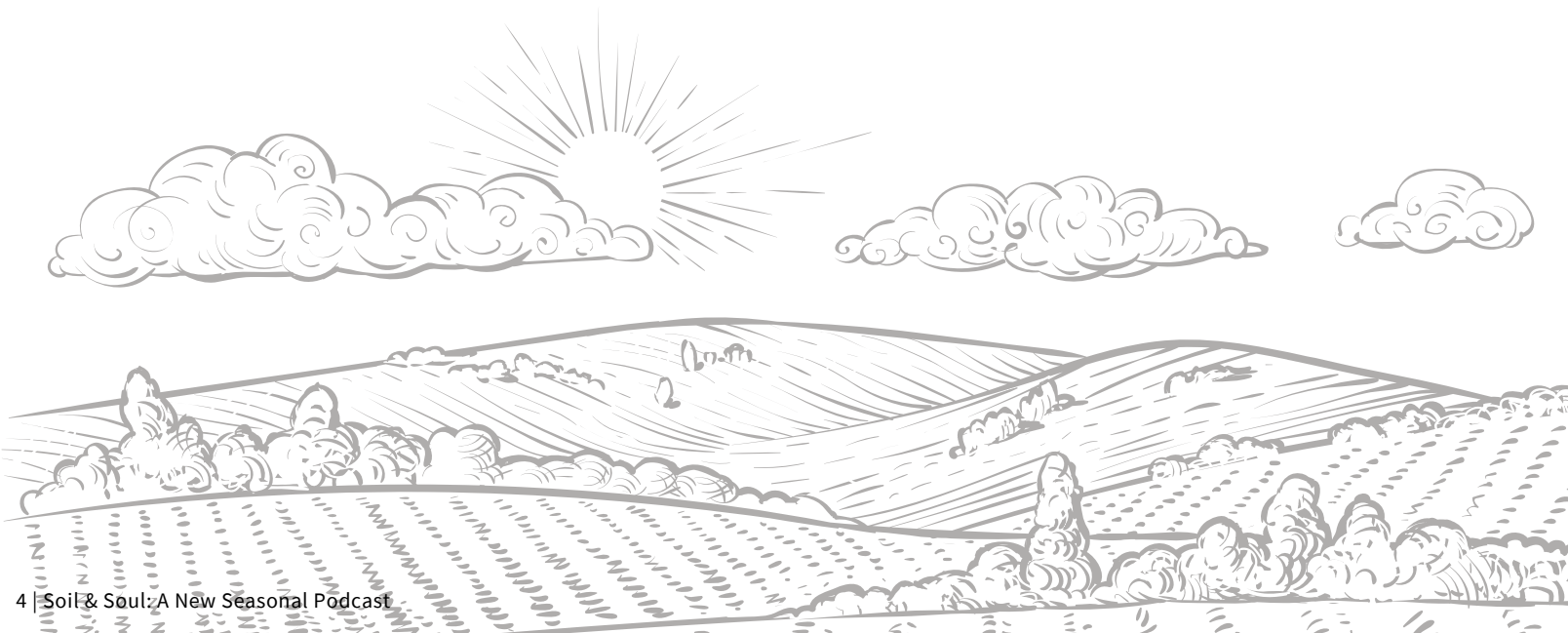
Soil & Soul: A New Seasonal Podcast

By: Aaron Lorch, Catholic Passage Board Member

This spring we've had the opportunity to share a brand new Catholic Passage project with the public. In mid-April, we were excited to announce and start releasing an additional podcast called Soil & Soul. This new podcast show released daily episodes for four weeks during the farm planting season that many of our Midwest followers are very familiar with. Whether you're directly tied to agriculture and live on a farm, or live in a big city removed from the small town/rural lifestyle, the Soil & Soul podcast will resonate with the listener. The daily shows provide around 15-30 minutes total of relatable and thought-provoking content, including first a reading and short reflection by a Catholic priest from one of the Daily Mass Readings, then followed by a solo or co-hosted discussion, sometimes including a guest, on a topic tying our faith and the rural/farming lifestyle together.

Humans are body and soul. Our lives are fed by what we plant and tend in the soil, as well as what we plant and tend in our souls. We depend upon the crops we plant and the livestock we raise on the land. Just as importantly, if not more, we depend upon the force of our souls to drive and direct us during the time we have on earth. And so, Catholic Passage has launched this new podcast show for those who want to invest in yields that count most. Five days a week during planting and harvest seasons, Soil & Soul broadcasts audio shows: Bible Breakout; Passing on Faith Thru Farming w/ Fr. Feller; Tuesday's Toolbox; Wednesday World Concerns; Faithful Farming; and Family Friday.

The current season of Soil & Soul has ended, along with the planting season for farmers. But we do plan on bringing it back in the fall during harvest. Please do check out our podcast offering if you have not already, and we hope that it might bless you in some way. Simply search for "Soil and Soul" in any of your preferred podcast apps like Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, Pocket Casts, and more. Or you may find us at this direct link: <https://podfollow.com/soil-and-soul>



FIVE WAYS TO SHARE HOPE WITH CHILDREN THIS SUMMER

By: Jennifer Redenius, Catholic Passage Board Member

Hope is one of the most important gifts that we can share with our kiddos. We must share hope with the children in our lives – hope in God, hope in one another, and hope in the future. Here are a few ways you can share hope with your children:

1. Let your children know that God is always with them.

Discuss with your child that even in difficult times, God is with them. In times of joy, God is with them. It never hurts to give them that extra reminder!

2. Share hope with others.

One way to keep hope in your heart is to share hope with others. You can help them write a note, draw a picture, or make a card to mail to a grandparent or someone who is elderly. Talk about other ways you and your family can share hope with those around you.

3. Pray for the needs of other people.

Encourage empathy by talking to your children about how you can pray for those around them. Help your children be people of compassion.

4. Talk about all the GOOD in your day!

One of the best ways to encourage hope is to remind your children of how blessed they are! At the end of each day, take time to share all the GOOD things that happened that day.

5. Talk about your future plans

It is hard for kids to imagine life ahead of, “right now.” You can help them have hope for the future by talking about future plans. Encourage them to think of things coming in the future that they can be hopeful for.

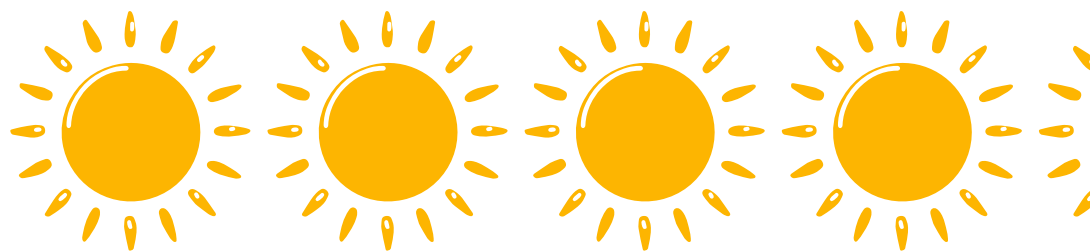


A Summer Bucket List for Catholic Families

By: Jennifer Redenius, Catholic Passage Board Member

If you are making a summer bucket list, adding an element of faith to it is a great way to live out your Catholic faith together with your family this summer.

- Do yard work for an elderly neighbor
- Make a pilgrimage to your Cathedral (or a nearby basilica).
- If you are local to Iowa, visit the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, Iowa
- Pick wildflowers, write a card, and take them to a homebound parishioner
- Invite friends over for a backyard barbeque and fellowship
- Go through your clothing and toys and share with a young family or donate to a local charity
- Go to Mass and Confession on the First Fridays of the summer
- Share some of your garden produce with a neighbor
- Make dinner for your parish priests or invite them to your house
- Host a lemonade stand on behalf of a local organization you would like to help
- Go on a hike and pray while you are out walking
- Use chalk to leave faith-filled messages on your driveway
- Plant a Mary Garden
- Take time each week to learn about a Catholic Saint
- Go to Mass at a church you do not normally go to



Eight Fun Facts About Our New Pope

These facts are from Ascension Press. You can check out their website for more Catholic resources!

Pope Leo is the first American Pope!

Pope Leo XIV, born and raised in the Chicago area. His choice of name is also significant—honoring Pope Leo XIII, who helped shape the Church in the United States by encouraging two future American saints in their missionary work

Pope Leo watched "Conclave" right before his very own Conclave!

Just before heading into the Conclave that would change his life forever, Pope Leo had wrapped up watching "Conclave"—yes, the movie about electing a pope! Fr. Mike has a review of "Conclave" you can check out [here](#).

He has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

Our new pope graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University in Pennsylvania in 1977.

Pope Leo's favorite sport? Tennis!

The new pope brings a new athletic interest to the Vatican.

His native language is English, but he speaks and reads several languages.

Given his American upbringing, Pope Leo XIV is fluent in English as his first language. Pope Leo XIV also knows how to speak: English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. Additionally, he can read Latin and German, two important theological languages.

Pope Leo is the youngest of 3 boys.

Pope Leo XIV has two older brothers: Louis and John.

Pope Leo is a Chicago White Sox fan!

Young Robert Prevost was the smartest boy in his class.

According to one of Pope Leo XIV's elementary school classmates, our new Holy Father is very smart.



Seasons of Change

By: Jeanna Clayburg, Catholic Passage Board Member

I have felt a pull to start some sort of a prayer group or Bible study at our church for quite a while. I kept making every excuse to put it off; I'm too busy with the kids' activities, Roger might need my help on the farm, so I have to be flexible and don't want to commit to a set date and time. I don't want to clean my house every week, so I'll wait until the rectory is repaired and start it. Then, I couldn't make a decision on what content to use, so I just kept putting it off, etc. etc., but the nudge just wouldn't go away.

A couple of weeks before Ash Wednesday, I opened an email from Blessed Is She about their Meditation Study: Under the Olive Tree. It seemed perfect to follow along with a topic I needed help with myself, so the decision was made about what content to use. The rectory was repaired, so I can't use that as an excuse anymore. The Lenten season is during the least busy season of farming, if there really ever is one, so the commitment could be made. Now it was time to just trust in the Lord and take the plunge, knowing He'll have to work on my self-image of not being qualified, reminding me I am only His vessel. "Just do it, Jeanna," is what I kept hearing.

So I did, and it was AMAZING! I only organized the event, and the Lord brought stories and insights from 10 other women.

Under the Olive Tree forced me to take the time to sit with Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane. I say forced, because I didn't want to show up to the meeting and not have done my reading and reflections on the questions. Each of us had our own reasons for loving the study, but a big one of mine was due to my change in seasons. I mean seasons in life, that is, not the change of seasons that make up a year. I'm shifting into becoming an empty nester, and I absolutely LOVED the season of raising our children at home. This was a great reminder to spend the time in silent reflection with the Lord so I can hear Him. It also reminded me to lean on Him with all my worries, hopes and dreams. Whatever season of life you are in, I encourage you to take the time to share it with Jesus, under the olive tree. I also want to encourage you to do what you just can't shake, even with all the excuses.

To wrap up our weekly meetings we went to Domus Trinitatis (Home of the Trinity) and Sr. Anne Marie Walsh reflected on the importance of prayer. It was the perfect end to our Meditation Study: Under the Olive Tree.



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Seasons of Change continued

By: Jeanna Clayburg, Catholic Passage Board Member

Here are some other ideas for helping with your own prayer life:

Set up a prayer space in your home.

Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use that aligns your personal prayer life with the liturgical rhythm of the Church, while immersing you in ongoing Faith formation.

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