

DIOCESE OF NELSON

JUBILEE OF MERCY

ACTION PLAN

In consultation with the Priests' Council, it was decided to establish our plans for the *Jubilee of Mercy* in each Deanery. After further consultation with the Deans and in order that we may have a coherent plan across the Diocese, we have agreed to implement the following:

1. **The Diocesan Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy** will begin at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate at 10:30 am on December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the patronal feast of the Cathedral. The Holy Door will be blessed. Please advertise this throughout the parishes. **Father Conrado Beloso**, Rector of the Cathedral, will send further information.
2. Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, I ask that each priest describe the focus of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* to their parishioners. I am including two Papal Documents to assist you in this regard: *Misericordiae Vultus* and a second shorter **Papal Letter**.
3. **The Mountain Star** will publish a description of the various works of mercy across the Diocese. In order to accomplish this, **Fr. Conrado Beloso**, Editor of the Mountain Star, will send a request to each parish asking the following information:
 - a) What ministries of mercy are active in your parish?
 - b) Which person(s), within your parish, can give a brief description of each ministry of mercy? Include contact information.
 - c) Please be sensitive to the deadlines because Fr. Conrado will have to put all of this together.
4. **Before the end of the first week of January** each Dean will present a program for **two deanery-wide** celebrations one before Easter and one after Easter which will highlight the theme of mercy. The Deanery Celebrations will be advertised across the Diocese.
5. **The Diocesan Liturgy Committee** will plan two celebrations for the month of October, one centred in the Kootenays and the other in the Okanagan which will close off the Diocesan celebrations.
6. **Penance Services during Advent and Lent** offer an occasion to catechise our people on the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an encounter with the merciful Face of God.
7. A retreat team is being formed to conduct a day of recollection in each deanery on the theme of Mercy. Further information will be sent.
8. **Parish Festival of Mercy**: I have attached a proposal for a *Parish Festival of Mercy* which you may wish to conduct in your parishes.



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Bishop of Nelson

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