Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (cf. Lk 6:36).

The motto of the Jubilee Year is Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36). It serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. Its logo represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul. It has been designed to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

(from Jubilee of Mercy Homepage)

We pray for consecrated life with Pope Francis:

Are we faithful to the mission entrusted to us?
The Year of Consecrated Life challenges us to examine our fidelity to the mission entrusted to us. Are our ministries, our works and our presence consonant with what the Spirit asked of our founders and foundresses? Are they suitable for carrying out today, in society and the Church, those same ministries and works? Do we have the same passion for our people, are we close to them to the point of sharing in their joys and sorrows, thus truly understanding their needs and helping to respond to them? “The same generosity and self-sacrifice which guided your founders – Saint John Paul II once said – must now inspire you, their spiritual children, to keep alive the charisms which, by the power of the same Spirit who awakened them, are constantly being enriched and adapted, while losing none of their unique character. It is up to you to place those charisms at the service of the Church and to work for the coming of Christ’s Kingdom in its fullness”.

(from Pope Francis’ letter to all consecrated people)
We pray for the Church:

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

January
• Universal: Interreligious Dialogue
  That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.
• Evangelization: Christian Unity
  That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

February
• Universal: Care for Creation
  That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.
• Evangelization: Asia
  That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

March
• Universal: Families in Difficulty
  That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.
• Evangelization: Persecuted Christians
  That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

We pray for the World:

January 27
International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust
Rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, the General Assembly of UN adopted a resolution by consensus condemning "without reserve" all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, whenever they occur.

February 20
World Day of Social Justice
We uphold the principles of social justice when we promote gender equality or the rights of indigenous peoples, refugees and migrants. We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. Let us do our utmost to eradicate all forms of human exploitation. Let us strive to build a world of social justice where all people can live and work in freedom, dignity and equality.

March 8
International Women’s Day
It is a day to reflect on progress made to call for gender equality and women’s empowerment. It is also a day to celebrate acts of courage and determination done by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

We pray for and with the Congregatio Jesu:

❖ International Leadership Development Course
  This year the General leadership team will do a course with its focus on moving the congregation towards change for mission. This course is offered by the Faith and Praxis International Institute and will be conducted for three days of 5 weeks spread throughout the year.

❖ CJ Community and Mission in Jerusalem
  - For the new community consisting of members from different provinces
  - For a good future of the Schmidtschool which is now a German School Abroad

❖ Our Members who will celebrate their Jubilee in Brazil, Chile, India, Korea, MEP, Nepal and Slovakia in January and February

❖ Our Members who will make their profession in Brazil, Chile, India, Korea and Nepal

We pray for our deceased members

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