

Merciful like the Father

Jubilee path of Mercy at the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur de Montmartre

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He came to seek out each one of us.

The baptismal water: the encounter with Christ the Healer and the grace of the sacraments

“But a Samaritan traveller who came on him was moved with compassion when he saw him.

He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them.” (Luke 10:33-34)

“In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us. [...] From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.”

(Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 25)

Christ has loved us, and in his love he has borne each one of us on the Cross, with our weaknesses and our sins, to give us the chance to live a new life, to give us access to the Father.

In coming forward to do the sign of the cross with the baptismal water, we recall having been plunged into the mercy of God available to all in the death and the resurrection of Jesus and we ask for grace to be always and more, with a purified heart and a more open spirit, instruments of mercy in this world.

By marking our body with the sign of the Cross with the holy water, we can each say in a low voice:

“Lord, I believe in your mercy”