

Jubilee of Mercy

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“I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its center the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. ... [And] will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father’s mercy.” —POPE FRANCIS, MARCH 2015



During the Holy Year of Mercy, which begins this December 8, we will celebrate in special ways the endless love and mercy that God has for us. All God asks us to do is to be loving and merciful to others.

But sometimes we fail, and God understands that. We are blessed to be able to start over and try again each time we fail.

Use these clues about starting over and complete each of the words. If you fill in the correct words, you will create a symbol that represents the saving mercy we celebrate.

1. We tell the priest our sins when we go to.... C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ N
2. When we say an Act of Contrition, we express our.... _ _ _ _ _ W
3. We are celebrating the Holy Year of _ _ R _ _
4. When we receive a sacrament, we receive _ R _ C _
5. We pray, “Deliver us from” _ _ L _
6. Some sins are mortal and some are.... _ _ N _ _ _
7. After confession, we must complete our P _ _ _ _ C _
8. We are to treat others with K _ N _ _ _ _
9. When we feel sorry for our sins, we _ _ P _ _ T _
10. In God’s name, the priest ... us of our sins. _ B _ _ _ V _ _
11. We confess and are sorry for our _ _ N _

* Now highlight the answer to Clue 3 and every letter above and below the “R” of that answer. What symbol do you see?