



# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

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## Presentation of the Lord

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Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy and hope!

### ***“Being Consecrated to God in the Jubilee Year of Hope”***

As we gather this Sunday to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are reminded of the profound act of faith by Mary and Joseph as they presented Jesus in the temple. This sacred gesture, offering their sacrifice of praise with a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, signifies their deep devotion and consecration to God. It is a beautiful reminder for us all that through the Sacrament of Baptism, we, too, are consecrated to God, sharing in His divine life. We are called to be nourished by His grace, growing not only physically but, more importantly, spiritually.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis, we are invited to renew our faith and trust in God. The Jubilee Year, which marks the 2025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, is a time of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance. It is a year dedicated to reconciliation, pilgrimage, and a renewed commitment to our faith. As “Pilgrims of Hope,” we are called to embrace this time with hearts full of trust and dedication to God.

Reflecting on the desires of every parent to see their children grow in grace and goodness and the aspirations of each of us to live lives filled with divine favor, we recognize that to achieve this, we must consecrate our lives to God, just as Jesus’ parents did. Their unwavering faithfulness serves as a guiding light for us. By following their example, we can be assured that, despite the challenges we face daily, God’s presence and grace will always be with us. He pours out His blessings upon us, enabling us to grow in wisdom and steadfastness of faith, just as Jesus did.

Let us embrace this Jubilee Year of Hope with hearts full of trust and dedication to God. May we, like Mary and Joseph, present ourselves to the Lord, consecrating our lives to His service. In doing so, we will find strength, peace, and the assurance that God is with us, guiding us on our journey of faith.

Let us also do our part so that as we travel in this so-called life, we, as the disciples of Christ and being consecrated to God, are called upon to bring others to Him. In doing so, we take part in the transformation and, more so, in the conversion of every human being to a life filled with His grace and mercy.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

Fr. Pascual