



Vox Populi

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This week, one of the biggest events of the Jubilee Year will be happening in Rome, with the Jubilee of Youth running all week, from Monday to Sunday.

Young people play a vital role in the life of the Church. They energise the Church and bring fresh ideas to their communities.

Some choose to offer their vocation in complete service to the Church through priesthood or religious life.

In his 1995 World Youth Day message, John Paul II said young people played a crucial role in evangelising.

"The Church entrusts to young people the task of proclaiming to the world the joy which springs from having met Christ," he said. "Go and preach the Good News that redeems; do it with happiness in your hearts and become communicators of hope in a world which is often tempted to despair, communicators of faith in a society which at times seems resigned to disbelief, communicators of love, in daily events that are often marked by a mentality of the most unbridled selfishness."

The Jubilee of Youth is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of young people in our Church but also to revitalise them and encourage them on their mission.

In Rome, pilgrims will have the opportunity to engage with several events around the city, including reconciliation, cultural events and performances, culminating with a Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV on Sunday, 3rd August.

We pray for all the young people in our Church, remembering they are the future leaders and servants of our communities.

We pray particularly for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or to religious life, that they will be fearless and prepared to say "yes" in answering God's call.