

## Jubilee of Mercy Cross Fact Sheet

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The Jubilee of Mercy Cross was crafted to accompany the faithful on pilgrimage through the Holy Doors of Rome during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is one of 33 crosses blessed by Pope Francis. The crosses have been carried by some 12 million people to St. Peter's Basilica alone. This cross is a gift to the United States from the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, the office of the Holy See that organized the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Mercy Cross has become a symbol of the continual graces of mercy pouring out on the world even and especially after the Jubilee.



It has been said, "Now is the time for mercy." This cross is traveling across America to remind and challenge us to allow God's mercy into our hearts prompting conversion of life, a conversion to a new way of living, that of mercy. "Like a gusting but wholesome wind, the Lord's goodness and mercy have been poured out upon the entire world. Because each of us has experienced at length this loving gaze of God, we cannot remain unaffected, for it changes our lives." (Misericordia et Misera, 4)

The faithful are encouraged to welcome the Mercy Cross to their parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and youth events. There is no corner of Catholic life where the Mercy Cross is not welcome: Mercy pervades our very way of being.

The cross can be reserved by visiting [www.MercyCrossUS.net](http://www.MercyCrossUS.net). There you may also find ideas for opportunities to share the message of mercy with your community.

Find out when the cross will be in your area by viewing the events page or by following it at #MercyCrossUS.

Share your event on Twitter at #MercyCrossUS.

The Mercy Cross was a gift to the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious in January 2017. The staff and sisters of the Council manage the project.

If you would be willing to serve as a regional coordinator for the reservation of the Mercy Cross in your area, please contact us.