

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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I was sorry to miss May 1. It was such a special day at the Shrine. We had Archbishop Henning celebrate the noon Mass. It was the feast of our patron, Saint Joseph the Worker. I remember several months ago when the Archbishop celebrated a Mass at UML for the young people. I was there and asked him about coming here on May 1. I was so happy he said YES.

The Archbishop had designated the Shrine as a Plenary Indulgence site for the Jubilee Year. To have him celebrate our patron's feast day was special. During this Jubilee year, we are all trying to be true Pilgrims of Hope. His visit on May 1 is part of our spiritual journey this Jubilee Year. What is hope?

The French writer, Charles Péquy, at the beginning of his poem on hope, spoke of the three theological virtues—faith, hope, charity—as three sisters who walk together. He wrote, “Hope, the little one, walks beside her two older sisters, practically unseen. Yet, she, the little one, drags everything along.

Because Faith only sees what exists.
And Charity only loves what exists.
But Hope loves what will be.

She is the one who makes the others keep walking. She is the one who leads them on and makes them all walk together.”

So, as we go through this Jubilee year, we must strive to be Pilgrims of Hope. Like the three sisters he wrote about, we walk together.

I am so pleased that Archbishop Henning was here to help us on our journey. Remember, “Hope does not disappoint.”

I pray for you, you pray for me.