



# Catholic Diocese of Victoria

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With great joy, I announce the designation of four pilgrimage sites within the Diocese of Victoria for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. This sacred year is a time of renewal, reflection, and, above all, hope—a call for us to deepen our faith and embrace the boundless grace of God.

## **Be a Pilgrim of Hope**

A pilgrimage is more than a journey to a holy place; it is a journey of the heart, a moment to seek spiritual renewal and draw closer to the Lord. As we walk in prayer and contemplation, may we be strengthened in faith, unburdened by past struggles, and inspired to bring Christ's light into the world.

To facilitate this sacred journey, four special pilgrimage sites have been designated within our diocese, representing the four directions and guiding us on a path of spiritual renewal. I invite all the faithful to take part in this pilgrimage of hope, trusting that each step will lead us into a deeper communion with God and one another.

## **Our Lady of Assumption, Alert Bay**

A place rich in history and deep faith, Our Lady of Assumption in Alert Bay welcomes pilgrims to experience its sacred space. This parish does not have a pastor in residence, but visitors can email [pilgrimsalertbay@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:pilgrimsalertbay@rcdvictoria.org) to arrange their pilgrimage.

## **St. Ann's, Duncan**

St. Ann's in Duncan stands as a vital place of worship, honouring its deep-rooted connection with the Cowichan Tribes and a history of Indigenous-Catholic collaboration. Please visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/parishes/st-anns-duncan](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/parishes/st-anns-duncan) or call 250-709-8731 to learn more about the church's visitation schedule.

## **St. Andrew's Cathedral, Victoria**

Located in the heart of Victoria, St. Andrew's Cathedral stands as a beacon of faith and a place of profound beauty. Pilgrims visiting the cathedral are encouraged to spend time in prayer, reflecting on the blessings of the Jubilee Year. Please check the cathedral's website at [www.standrewscathedral.com](http://www.standrewscathedral.com) for opening hours and Mass times.

## **Holy Family, Ucluelet**

Nestled in downtown Ucluelet, Holy Family Church is embraced by open green space and forest, which offers a peaceful refuge for all of God's creatures. This parish does not have a pastor in residence, but visitors can visit [www.rcdvictoria.org/parishes/holy-family-ucluelet](http://www.rcdvictoria.org/parishes/holy-family-ucluelet) or email [pilgrimsucluelet@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:pilgrimsucluelet@rcdvictoria.org) to learn more about the church's visitation schedule.

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In Communion and Hope,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon  
Bishop of Victoria