

SEGGNI DEL GIUBILEO

Giubileo della famiglia carismatica orionina

Porta Santa - Holy Door



From a symbolic perspective, the Holy Door is the most significant feature, for the ultimate goal is to pass through it. The opening of the Holy Door by the Pope marks the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one such door, located at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome.

As pilgrims cross this threshold, they are reminded of Jesus' words in John: "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." This sacred act signifies the decision to follow and submit to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

For the Christian community, it is not merely a sacred space to approach with reverence but a profound sign of communion that unites every believer to Christ. It is a place of encounter and dialogue, reconciliation and peace, awaiting every pilgrim. It represents the Church as a living community of faith and love.

"All must be centered on Christ Jesus. 'I am the way, the truth, and the life'—these divine words are beyond full comprehension. They stand as a supreme testimony to Christ's divinity. No human has ever dared to speak as He did." And yet, Jesus, so humble and simple, proclaims His majesty and greatness with such clarity! What an awe-inspiring paradox! We can only fall at His feet in worship and cry out with St. Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" You alone are the path to true happiness and peace—the only way to the Father. We must long for all humanity to recognize in Him "the way, the truth, and the life" (Don Orione).

The Holy Door stands as a unique symbol of the Jubilee Year because its purpose is to be crossed with faith. Grant us Your grace, Lord, our Good Shepherd, that we may trustingly follow Your guidance. May crossing through this sacred door lead us into communion with You in faith and love alongside all our brothers and sisters as one family without division. May Your Holy Spirit awaken in us a blessed hope so that we may bear witness to it in our lives.

We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ, who is "the door" leading us to eternal salvation. Amen.

