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“He Tākano i Ruia Mai” (A Seed that is Planted)

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THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Pilgrims of HOPE

Hope is written in the lives of the people.



Hope has been described as
a flicker of light in the darkness.

Oscar Romero , saint of our time, gives Hope a
human face:

**“There are many things that can only be seen
by eyes that have cried.”**

*Romero’s journey brought him
from a position of power,
through the martyrdom of his colleagues,
to living his own life in the threat of death.*

Reflection on this life experience gave him a
vision larger than our limited understanding.

This enabled him to say, in hope:

**“If they kill me I will rise in the
Salvadoran people.”**

Hope is born at our point of vulnerability.

In a time of division and opposition
in the church ,

Pope Francis in his words and actions invites
the People of God to walk together with him
in a Pilgrimage of Hope this Jubilee Year.

Pilgrims

of

Hope

To go on Pilgrimage.....

Pope Francis uses the image of a pilgrimage , a faith journey —

over all sorts of terrain,

with all sorts of companions ,

focused on walking together ,

In order to increase unity in diversity ,

co-operate with our neighbours ,

acknowledge and make amends for our offences,

promote peace and participation for the common good.

Traditionally, pilgrims were walkers. The pace and length of the journey gave plenty of time along the way for conversation , reflection, learning, reassessment and change before reaching the end and making a commitment to live a new way.

Ann Gilroy rsj Tui Motu, Editorial.

To Reflect:

Have you made a pilgrimage?

What learning from that experience would help you in making this Pilgrimage of Hope ? Speak with someone who has made a pilgrimage .

Let us make this pilgrimage in a Synodal way.

Pope Francis speaks: “The Lord will guide us and help us to be a more synodal and hope-filled people ‘.

This is an important journey ... It is about:

- ◆ *Living as the People of God.*
- ◆ *Walking and talking on the road together.*
- ◆ *Recognising the Holy Spirit speaking through the people .*
- ◆ *Welcoming the newness that God brings.*

It involves;

LISTENING

SHARING

DISCERNING

DISCOVERING

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