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

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**Context
Is
Everything.**

Beatrice Bruteau

Contemplative scholar teacher

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Pilgrims of HOPE

Beatrice Bruteau gives us this challenging statement:

“Context is everything!”

Context enables us to explore and deepen our life experiences through a particular lens.

During this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis gives us the context of

PILGRIMAGE - A JOURNEY OF FAITH

We are Pilgrims of Hope

ON THIS PILGRIM JOURNEY

- * there will be difficulties
- * there will be troubles
- * there will be tiredness
- * there will be temptations to give up

But there will also

- * be rest
- * there will be companionship
- * there will be help
- * there will be discovery .

Can we see life as a pilgrimage?

With on-going opportunities for change and growth?

For new discoveries ?

For companions who support us , and need our support

Can we see life as a pilgrimage in our search for God?

We have a God who has walked
this path and found it holy-making.

Joan Chittister

THE CONTEXT FOR THIS TIME:

THE PASCHAL JOURNEY.

THE JOURNEY OF JESUS passing over ,
through death, to New Life.

**The Church gives us time until Pentecost
to ponder the great mystery of
the Passover of Jesus IN OUR LIVES NOW.**

At this time of the year the Church has THIS LARGER CONTEXT:

“We know the path of this journey well.

**The Paschal Mystery gives meaning and purpose to,
not only our own realities, griefs and losses, but
those of the world around us.”**

Mary Pellegrino CSJ

The tasks of the Paschal Journey

- ◆ **Facing our reality:** We live, not in an era of change, but in a change of era .
What is the greatest gift of your present reality ?
- ◆ **Considering our Grief:** Coming to terms with our vulnerability and interdependence . *How would you describe a grief of this time ?*
- ◆ **Discovering Hope in time of despair .** The deep work of transformation.
Easter is a threshold experience into what is new and different.

The journey of our lives is where we follow and find the person of Jesus.