



Joyful Apostolate

December 1999
Threshold of the Third Millennium

Come, begin the Holy Year with us on Sunday, January 2, 2000.

**Day of Pilgrimage,
Day of Prayer,
Day of Jubilation!**

Excitement is mounting amidst last-minute preparations in our Novitiate! Please, pray with us for good weather because much of the days' program from 9:00 to 6:00 is held outdoors. Then come and celebrate with us on Sunday, January 2, 2000, on the Feast of the Epiphany. Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, Auxiliary Bishop of the San Fernando Region will open the Holy Door and join us in prayer, and he will concelebrate Mass with our Priest friends.



In reviewing the program and activities of the Jubilee, Bishop Wilkerson and Sister Jane joyfully anticipate the blessings of the day.

Send in your R.S.V.P!



Sister Ida and Sisters make plans for the events of the day and the Jubilee banner. Left to right: Sister Anna, Sister Yolanda, Sister Ida, Sister Frances.

Dearest Friends:

I would like to let you into a wonderful little secret. **Our Sisters love you!!** I say this because in these past months I have had the opportunity to watch and listen and to see their goodness and deep desire to give you the best. Of course, I am talking about our Great Jubilee Celebration.

I am involved in the preparations for the great Jubilee, our plans and hopes, but my involvement at times is somewhat limited or interrupted for lack of energy or just recently because of my ten-day stay in the hospital with pneumonia. Thanks to God and your prayers, I am feeling better but I have to remember to be cautious and distribute my energies wisely.

About the Jubilee: it is going to be a wonderful day, dear friends, a day when each of us comes before the Lord to greet Him, to restore or renew our sacred relationship with Him. The day has been planned in the spirit of a pilgrimage, meaning that it is not "a program" you attend or "a process" in which you participate but rather, it is a **pilgrimage of the heart**. It is a movement of heart between you and God.

For some of you, just being amongst people and friends who believe will renew and refresh your spirits. For others, speaking with a Priest about a

burden or hurt, or entering into the Sacrament of confession and seeking reconciliation will be a movement of the heart.

There will be a special chapel of adoration, to have the **Blessed Sacrament exposed all day**. Some of us may simply want to sit in the presence of the Lord and breathe in the gentleness of His peace and the comfort of His love.

The Sisters made arrangements for a **Marian Shrine** on the property for any of us who may have a special friend in Mary: just to sit with her and say the Rosary could bring peace and joy.

We received a permit to have a **Eucharistic procession** on Devonshire Avenue, to process with the Blessed Sacrament and to profess our faith in him. All who are able may join in song and praise and there find their union with the Lord. For those who are not able to walk a mile, the Sisters have prepared a prayer service to be one in prayer with the procession. Many may find a spiritual insight in the presentations given by the Sisters.

There will be the **opening of the Holy Door** and **Mass**. **Bishop Gerald Wilkerson** will join us to bring our Lord profoundly present to us in the Eucharistic celebration. Here, we will find the purpose and intention of God's merciful Love, expressed by His Son Jesus Christ in His redemptive Eucharistic Sacrifice.

The day has been planned for you, dear friends, for the movement and journey of your heart with the Lord, a day of pilgrimage with no obligations or commitments other than that of your renewed and restored friendship with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our convents, this is the conversation, prayer and desire which we speak about daily: to provide a day of pilgrimage where God and His people meet and embrace in Christian love. The day is for you... let your heart lead you. We love you!

See you there.

♥ your Sister Ida

P.S. My last bit of advice: the Sisters have really thought out this event, follow their instructions described in this Joyful Apostolate!! It will help!