



Vox Populi

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In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', Pope Francis designated 2024 to be a Year of Prayer.

The call to every Catholic has been to intensify their prayer life, rediscovering its great value and need, particularly in our current world.

This month of October represents a wonderful time to re-energise ourselves with this call to prayer from the Holy Father.

October is the month of the Rosary, a powerful tool for prayer, meditating the life of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the past week, the Holy Father again asked us to pray and fast for peace in our world, amid an escalating conflict in the Middle East.

On Monday, the Diocese joined together at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, to pray the Rosary for peace in our world, on the one-year anniversary of the deadly attack on Israel in 2023.

In the next two weeks, the Church will celebrate the Memorials of Saint Teresa of Jesus and Saint John Paul II, two important figures in the development of the Rosary.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has asked we pray for him and all the other representatives at the Synod on Synodality in Rome, that they may listen to the Holy Spirit working through the Church. We are reminded in this, that the Synod is not just for those Bishops and other representatives in Rome, but for the whole Church.

In this spirit, Pope Francis' prayer intention for October is "for a shared mission", calling on the faithful in whatever vocation they may have to do their best to contribute to a sense of co-responsibility in the Church.

Through October, let us dedicate ourselves more to prayer, praying for the mission of our Church and peace in our world.