

Open wide the doors to Christ

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I keep telling these kids, "You're our future. In a couple of years, we're not going to be able to do these jobs, so you better learn how to do it now."

- **Ronald A. Scuteri, youth minister, St. Christopher's Church, North Chili**

My hopes and dreams for 2000 and beyond are simplistic, reflective and hopefully realistic. With this being the Jubilee Year for our church, it gives all of us an opportunity to look at our relationships, mend our differences, show kindness, understanding and above all patience for those who may disagree with us. Families, neighborhoods, cities and countries could all benefit from these basic values. The old adage of everyone lighting just one candle speaks volumes in terms of forgiveness. If each person were to start by forgiving just one other person, it could develop into a peace this world has not seen before. I rejoice in this opportunity to wish my family, friends, acquaintances and friends I haven't met yet - a blessed, peaceful and happy New Year and a new beginning.

- **Barb Pedeville, diocesan director of recruitment and staff services**

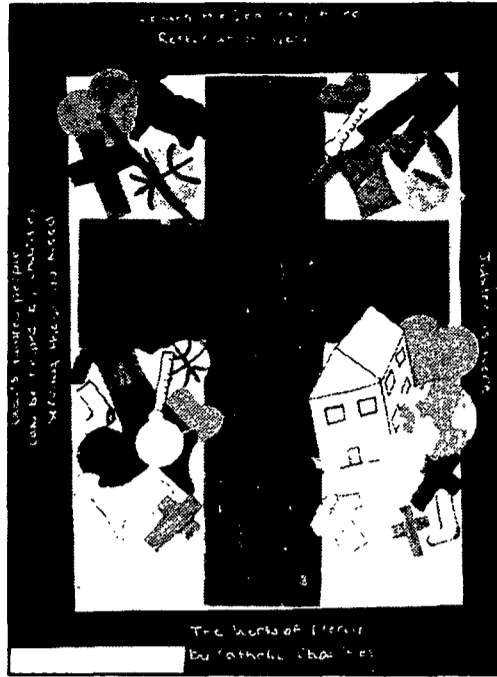
What I'm praying for is that people will open the doors of their hearts to the love of God. I think today we forget about the power of prayer, and how we need to nurture our soul and spirit with prayer just like we need to nurture our body with food and air. If we all did that, it would be a great world to live in.

- **Kathy Peters, principal of St. Michael's School, Newark**

The millennium is a wonderful opportunity for us to realize more fully the commitment to the mystery of the Incarnation which we celebrate and live in our daily lives. The grace of incarnation is the grace of looking at life with the eye of the soul and seeing the interconnectedness of our life in God and in the world.

The holy jubilee is a time for us to open wide the doors faithfully, taking time for being one with God so that we can let the Spirit see where we can be prophets and disciples of justice, peace and love.

- **Sister Mary Louise Heffernan, SSJ, director, Sisters of St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Rochester**



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