

“PILGRIMS OF HOPE”
THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 &
the Bicentenary of the birth of
Blessed Luigi Maria Monti, Founder- CFIC

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as the jubilee year, which has begun at Christmas-2024 in Vatican. The theme chosen for this great jubilee is **“PILGRIMS OF HOPE”** and dedicate this year as the “Year of Prayer” with the catch words: “Lord, teach us to pray.” Thus, Pope invites the whole Church to have a time of intense commitment in preparation for the Opening of the Holy Door. The jubilee year involves Universal Church, and as God’s mercy is proclaimed to the whole world, it is a great opportunity for evangelization as well.



It is a great coincidence for our religious order **“The Sons of the Immaculate Conception” (CFIC)** which serves across the world, that it is the Bicentenary (200 years of the Birth) of the Founder – **Blessed Luigi Maria Monti (1825-2025)** born on July 24, 1825 in Italy. We are immensely grateful to minister innumerable people who are in need, various parishes, schools and care centers. These ministries provide us many opportunities to serve others with the same charism of the Blessed Founder as he was serving the sick & needy, youth and those abandoned with Christ’s mercy and compassion. *(Bicentenary Logo design by: Fr. Joy Vadakkan CFIC)*

As we continue the synodal implementations, let us strengthen our bonds with our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the “Source and Summit of Christian life.” Let us be the visible sign and confident witness of Christ in our families, communities and the whole world. May the Lord guide and strengthen us to impart Christ’s mercy, and to evangelize the world with our love and care. Let us get prepared to experience the fruits of these jubilee years. **Prayers and Blessings to all.**

In Christ,

Fr. Joy Vadakkan CFIC