

(Food for thought)

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

(8 December 2015 – 20 November 2016)



The Holy Year Logo features Jesus – the Good Shepherd – taking “upon His shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of His incarnation culminating in redemption.”

The image, created by Jesuit Fr. Marko Rupnik, also shows one of Jesus’ eyes merged with the man’s to show how “Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ.” Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in His gaze, the love of the Father.

The motto *Misericordes Sicut Pater* (*Merciful Like the Father*) (Luke 6:36) invites all to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. (Luke 6: 37-38) The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), which calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human.

The three concentric ovals, with colours progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker colour suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Useful links

- 1) Official website for Year of Mercy:

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>

2) For music score of hymn for Year of Mercy, visit this site:

<<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/dam/gdm/documenti/inno/Inglese%20-%20Tutto%20lo%20spartito.pdf>>

3) Listen to the hymn (in Latin) by visiting this site: <<https://youtu.be/-N0Dto5s9fg>>

4) Write-up on Year of Mercy in Redemptorist Singapore website, novenachurch.com :

<<http://www.novenachurch.com/jubilee-year-of-mercy.html>>

