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## OFFICIAL RITES FOR THE OPENING OF THE HOLY DOOR AND THE CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization has released the official texts for 1) the “Rite of Opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in Local Churches;” 2) the “Opening of the Jubilee Year in Churches and Shrines Designated by the Diocesan Bishop;” and 3) the “Closing Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee in Local Churches.”

These were officially released through Our Sunday Visitor. While they are selling many printed resources, OSV has provided a free download on their website for the above-named rituals. It can be found at <https://www.osv.com/holydoor>. As a means of summary, please find my outlines for these rites below.

### RITE OF OPENING THE DOOR OF MERCY IN LOCAL CHURCHES

*On December 13, 2015*

#### Rite of Introduction in the Stational Church

- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Acclamation of Praise
- Exhortation
- Prayer (cf. MVNO, Reconciliation, 2)
- Proclamation of the Gospel (Luke 15:1-7)
- Silence
- Recitation of the Bull of Indiction (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 1-3)

#### Procession into the Cathedral

- Bishop places incense in thurible*
- Thurifer
- Deacon with decorated processional cross (with candle bearers)
- Deacon with Book of the Gospels
- Bishop
- Priests
- Faithful
- Meanwhile, the people and choir sing Antiphons, Psalm 25, 86, or Litany of the Saints*

#### Opening of Door

- Bishop stops at main door (sings/recites Ps 118:19)*
- Deacon hands Book of Gospels to Bishop*
- Antiphon (John 10:9)
- Bishop walks through with Book of Gospels*
- When Bishop reaches the altar, he places the Book of Gospels upon it*

#### Remembrance of Baptism and Renewal of Vows

- Invitation

Blessing of Water (see Roman Missal, form 1)  
Renewal of Vows  
Sprinkling Rite (with antiphons)  
Concluding Prayer

Collect

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing for Advent

Concludes with *Salve Regina* or *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

## RITE OF OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR IN CHURCHES AND SHRINES DESIGNATED BY THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

*At the main door of the church*

Sign of Cross

Greeting

Prayer of Blessing (Book of Blessings 1229)

## CLOSING CELEBRATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE IN LOCAL CHURCHES

*On November 13, 2016*

Mass texts: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

OR Mass for Giving Thanks to God (MVNO #49)

At the Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Introduction

Silence

Penitential Act (Invocations provided)

Gloria

Collect

After the Prayer After Communion

Thanksgiving

Magnificat

Blessing (cf. Collect, 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Dismissal

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