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To: **PASTOR / PASTORAL STAFF / BULLETIN EDITOR**
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Re: Please add these announcements to your website or bulletin (**English and Spanish Translation**)
Date: **Monday, August 4th, 2025**

Included are new and current announcements for the Jubilee Year. We would greatly appreciate it if you could add these announcements to your website or online bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Do (916) 733-0151.

NEW	Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope Theme 3: To Unite All Creation in Christ (Part 1)
English	
<p>Bishop Soto's third Jubilee theme is probably the most difficult of them all: "We groan in hope with all creation for God's redemption." Indeed, the groaning of the world is ever more apparent. Missiles have flown between Tel Aviv and Teheran; the churches in Lebanon, Syria, and Africa are producing martyrs; and civil unrest in our own nation makes this global anxiety felt even more at home. As Bishop Soto reminds us, in this life, "we are not exempt from pain and suffering." However, "in this suffering, we express our longing and desire and trust in God's love and promises."</p> <p>Christ himself groaned to Father with "loud cries and tears" during his Passion, and "he was heard because of his reverent submission" (Heb 5:7). His invocation of Psalm 22 on the Cross is not, therefore, an statement of utter despair ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"), but remains an expression of invincible hope in God's saving power. "All the ends of the earth shall remember," the Psalmist continues, "and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him." From Calvary, Christ already points to the recapitulation of all creation to God.</p> <p>Joey Belleza, Ph.D., former Associate Director of Lay Formation</p>	