



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – JULY 2016
Discovering ways to live the Year of Mercy
HOW TO LIVE AS A FREE PEOPLE UNDER GOD?

“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:32

We as a nation just celebrated the Independence Day. For many of us it was time with family, time with nature, time of relaxation and great company. But, we are often reminded that freedom is not free. This time of joy and time together we were able to spend because of forefathers who gave us Independence with a price of their lives.

So, in our Christian way of life, we must be reminded that our freedom was bought through sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. So, Jesus Christ freed us from sin through His Passion, Cross and Resurrection.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are constantly discovering the way how to live as a free people under God. To be free, we can all identify with that. If we are honest with ourselves, we know we still sin. However, we were not created to be sinful. We were designed by God in His own image.

In our Christian life at the moment of our conversion, we are given a new nature that has been freed from sin. To be free from sin means that those who have made Jesus the Lord of their lives are no longer enslaved by sin. We have the power, through the Holy Spirit, to live victoriously over sin.

As a free person in Christ we are called to be an example to others. We are called not to please ourselves, but to please Christ. Salvation in Christ is the root, good works are the fruit, and our good works are part of God's plan. As a Christians we ought to bear witness to the lost world, and to be an example and blessing to others in our families, for our children, in our communities, in our parishes, in our schools, in a place of work, and in this great United States of America.

We should remember God gives us the free will to choose to love our neighbors and to do the good works of mercy to them.

Our Prayer:

Let us pray to the Lord for our nation under God, for our government, for our cities, and for the faithful who live in them.

Our activities:

Let our life sets a good example for others, let us all respond with the positive statement and perform works of mercy!