



**Let us walk through the Holy Door of Mercy and
Celebrate the 8th Annual Dambana Festival
At The Grotto**

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2:00 pm

Living Rosary at 2:15 pm (Outside)

Mass at 3:00 PM (At the Church – Chapel of Mary)

Celebrant: Fr. Arjie Garcia

Concelebrant: Fr. Alvin Cabacang

Light refreshments will follow

The Grotto

The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother

NE 85th and Sandy Blvd in Portland, OR

www.thegrotto.org

AN INDULGENCE IS GRANTED TO THE FAITHFUL
ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Holy Doors

A **holy door** (or *porta sancta*) has been used since the fifteenth century as a ritual expression of conversion. Pilgrims and penitents pass through it as a gesture of leaving the past behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. Often these rituals are associated with prayer, pilgrimage, sacrifice, confession, and indulgences.

But a holy door finds meaning only when the believer associates the door with Christ. Jesus is the Door! In the words of Pope Francis, "There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To him alone can the words of the Psalmist be applied in full truth: 'This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter' (Ps 118:20)."

For this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has allowed local bishops to designate Holy Doors in their diocese. [The Grotto is one of the locations for Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.](#)

In order to receive a plenary indulgence by visiting one of these pilgrimage churches, Catholics need to fulfill the following conditions:

- Pass through the doors of mercy of the pilgrimage church.
- Make a profession of faith in the church (either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed).
- Pray for the pope's intentions and the pope himself.
- Meditate on mercy while receiving Communion during a period either 20 days before or after visiting the pilgrimage church.
- Participate in the sacrament of penance during a period either 20 days before or after visiting the pilgrimage church.