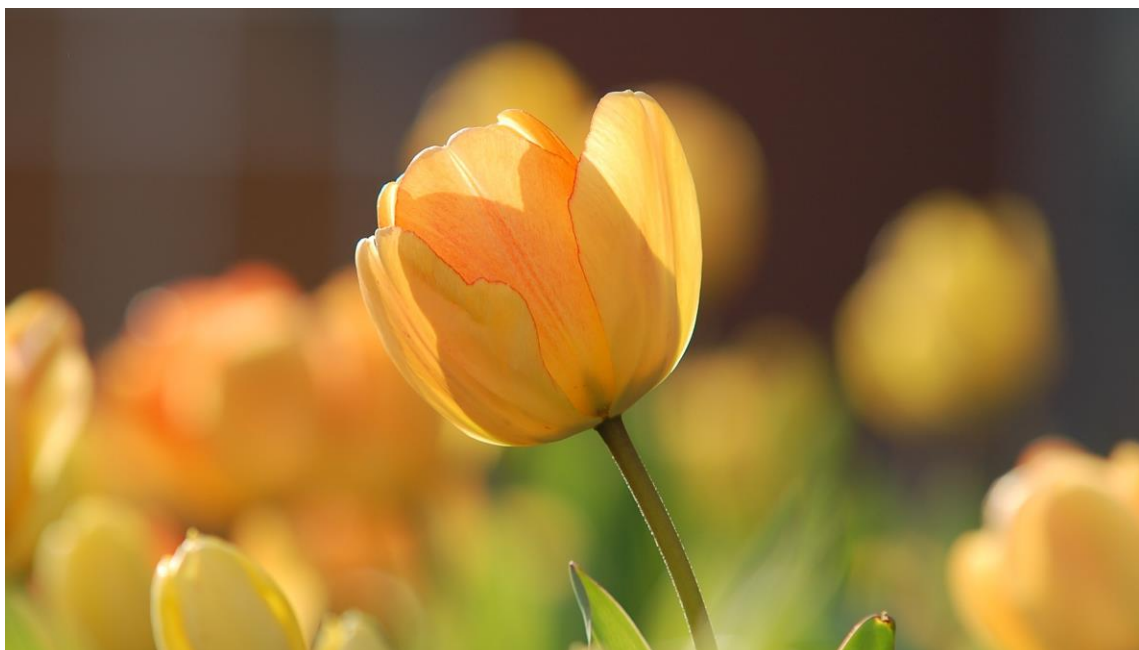


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In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" (Ps 25:6). (MV 25)



Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2: 13

The Jubilee Year will have been a pointless waste of time if at the end of it, Catholic individuals and institutions are no different from what there were before. We must become a Church that is, and can be seen to be, merciful and loving in every aspect of our existence.
