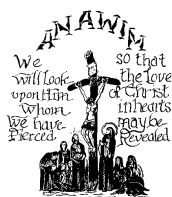


The Anawim Community's 50th Anniversary Logo

Explanation



The logo for the Anawim Community's 50th Anniversary draws elements from our Founder Fr. Francis's image of "the Anawim at the Foot of the Cross" (1988) and from the logo of the Church's Jubilee Year 2025. Our 50th Anniversary year coincides with the Church's Jubilee.



At the center of the logo is the Cross of Jesus Christ, which the Church has long honored with the acclamation, "Hail, O Cross, our Only Hope!" (*Ave, O Crux, Spes Unica!*). The arms of the Cross are bent downward, in the style commonly associated with the papal cross of Pope St. John Paul II, which Fr. Francis used as the basis of his drawing. The arms of the Cross are not only bent under the weight of our sins, carried by our Savior, but also bent forward to embrace all sinners with tender love and mercy. This is the foundation of our hope, proclaimed by the theme of the Jubilee: "Pilgrims of Hope."

Gathered at the foot of the Cross are stylized figures of the *anawim*, the community of the poor of God. The most prominent member of this humble flock of the Lord's beloved disciples is Mary, Our Queen Mother. She stands firm at Jesus' side, drawing all of us toward Him. The large blue heart surrounding the *anawim* and welcoming those who are on the periphery represents both Mary's Immaculate Heart and the Heart of Mother Church. The identity of the *anawim* is forever linked to our place at the foot of the Cross and in the Heart of the Church, a place where we are called to remain, not standing still but on a continual pilgrimage – for 50 years and many more – ever deeper into this Heart. The theme of our 50th Anniversary celebration is included at the bottom: *Our Journey of Life in the Heart of the Church*.