

HOPE MONUMENT

The idea was conceived in the tenth anniversary of the nonprofit/prolife organization Loreto Life Help Center <l'Ascolto> ODV (2013-2023) for the 2025 Jubilee titled "Pilgrims in Hope" (Peregrinantes in Spem) and in honor of the centenary of the birth of the Servant of God Don Oreste Benzi. The project will be sponsored by nonprofit organizations as well as local and foreign businesses.

Loreto is known throughout the world for the Pontifical Basilica of the Holy House, also recently defined, appropriately, as the "Sanctuary of the Universal Principles" (see the book, "The miracle of the Holy House of Loreto").

The Hope Monument is a bronze sculpture realized by an American artist from Wyoming (Beverly Paddleford: www.hopemonument.com). It depicts a life-size man (Our Lord Jesus Christ) and a woman holding hands and seated next to each other. The woman has her other hand on her heart, while Jesus holds a newborn baby. The unique form of the statue allows it to be used as a bench, in which visitors can sit on Jesus' knees, on the woman's lap, or next to her. The monument will be donated to the city of Loreto and placed on municipal property in the vicinity of The Holy House.

All women and men who have lost a child or wish to have one will be able to place their suffering or desire in the hands of God where every hope is fulfilled.

Businesses or families who wish to contribute to the project will be remembered on a stele placed next to the monument. Parents or grandparents will be able to honor their little angels already in Heaven or express their gratitude for the grace of a new life as an ex-voto.

So the Hope Monument creates a place of hope that unites people across the ocean and earth to heaven: it truly can **create hope in the world**.





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