Advent: A Pilgrimage of Hope

This Advent, let us embark together on a Pilgrimage of Hope. Each week, we will focus on this theme to make progress toward in our Pilgrimage:

1. I am loved;
2. I am grounded in hope with our community;
3. I am anointed:
4. I am breaking through to serve with our community – Saying YES

First week of Advent: Take time to do a personal pilgrimage – focus on myself: I am loved

- Address your needs and gifts so that you can be free to help others
- Prepare for pilgrimage
- Reflect: What do you need to be open, compassionate, caring?

Second week of Advent: Bring hope to others in community

- Ground yourself in hope
- Be grounded in hope as the Community of St. Cronan
  - Bring hope to others in our community – prepare as community for the Pilgrimage
  - Affirm and lift up hope in the community – address God's care for God's people that gives us hope
  - Speak tenderly and compassionately in justice
- Reflect: How can I/we respond to the polarization in our country, our world at this time?

3rd Week of Advent: Be anointed – God chooses us to serve others in Christ's love

- Affirm the call God gives each of us
- Commit to being sent forth to serve others through Christ in the church and the larger world
- Be anointed in celebration of the call each received in Baptism and Confirmation
- Reflect: How is each of us being called to serve at this time?

4th Sunday of Advent: Break through to serve –pilgrimage with others

- Sending forth of ministers
- Saying YES – to the Incarnation, to living the Eucharist, to service
- Reflect: How can our pilgrimage be a sign of Christ born among us?