



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ACEA LIGHTS UP THE JUBILEE**

**115 years since its founding, the Group's commitment to the Holy Year 2025**

**Rome, Dec. 16, 2024** - Acea announced today, in the Saint Pius X Hall in the Vatican, the initiatives and projects launched on the occasion of the Holy Year 2025. The meeting included speeches by H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, and ACEA's top management, President Barbara Marinali and CEO Fabrizio Palermo, who outlined the company's commitment to this internationally significant event, set to begin in a few days.

One of the most important projects was carried out by Areti, the Group company responsible for managing public and artistic lighting in the City of Rome. The project involved renewing and enhancing the illumination of the statues on the colonnade of St. Peter's Square. Thanks to this light architecture intervention, the 140 travertine sculptures that surmount the columns and pillars of the most famous peristyle in the Christian world are now illuminated by 280 latest-generation projectors, emitting energy-efficient and environmentally friendly LED light. Additionally, the company has upgraded the street lighting to LED in St. Peter's Square, Via della Conciliazione, and the chandeliers of Bernini's colonnade.

In addition, on the occasion of the Jubilee, Acea is installing 14 additional Water Houses - two within Vatican State territory and 12 in Rome - strategically located along the Jubilee routes and near the main Basilicas. These, along with the existing Water Houses and the iconic 2,500 nasoni (traditional Roman drinking fountains) scattered across the city, will provide refreshment to tourists and pilgrims, offering them one of the purest and most rigorously certified waters in the world: the water of Rome.

The new "Acquea" App has also been launched, mapping and geolocating over 150,000 water points, providing information in three languages (Italian, English and Spanish) about the quality of the water delivered.

ACEA will also support the Jubilee of Teenagers, which, from April 25 to 27, will attract more than 100,000 young people aged twelve to seventeen to the capital, through water protection awareness initiatives as part of the water education project in schools.

"The first word is gratitude to Acea, because we embarked on this journey many months ago, and we are now presenting the results achieved," said H.E. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization and in charge of organizing the Jubilee. "This led to the project for the artistic illumination of the statues atop Bernini's Colonnade, which will remain over time and allow tourists and pilgrims to enjoy that beauty even after dark. My gratitude also extends to the water houses installed near St. Peter's, a project that impressed me because it showcases the modernity Rome wishes to share with the world. In fact, Pope Francis will bless one of them next Wednesday. I would also like to highlight that, with Acea, we will collaborate to give prominence to World Water Day in March. Finally, I am particularly grateful for the generosity shown in supporting the Jubilee of Teenagers."

Barbara Marinali, President of ACEA, said, "115 years since its founding, the company is preparing for its eighth Jubilee, the first dating back to 1925. Thanks to its infrastructure and wealth of professionalism, it will ensure essential services throughout this major event, reaffirming the Group's ongoing commitment to local communities, particularly in terms of sustainability and technological innovation."

Fabrizio Palermo, CEO of ACEA: "Jubilee 2025 represents a key and historic opportunity for Rome's growth. ACEA is committed to projecting the city into the future through major investments in water, electricity, and environmental infrastructures. During this significant global event, ACEA will play a leading role in positioning Rome as a model of excellence in the sustainable management of resources, starting with water, a precious and essential element in everyone's daily life that must be increasingly protected and preserved."

For more details and insights into the projects, visit the following link: <https://www.gruppo.acea.it/en/jubilee>.

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