

Apostolic Penitentiary

Protocol No. 26/21/I

DECREE

By virtue of the faculties given to it in a very special way by the Most Holy Father in Christ our Lord, Francis, Pope by divine providence, the Apostolic Penitentiary benevolently grants to His Excellency, Most Rev. Romulo G. Valles, Metropolitan Archbishop of Davao and President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, or with his consent, to another prelate marked with episcopal dignity, that -- on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the evangelization of the Philippines, after the celebration of the divine sacrifice [i.e. the Holy Eucharist] on a day chosen for the benefit of the faithful -- he may impart the papal blessing with the attached plenary indulgence to all the Christian faithful present, who - truly penitent and moved by charity - took part in the same sacred liturgy. [The plenary indulgence] can be obtained under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff).

The faithful can devoutly receive the papal blessing, even if they cannot be physically present in the sacred rites due to reasonable circumstances, on condition that they follow with devoted attention the proceedings of the same rites while being transmitted through television or radio. They can also obtain the plenary indulgence, according to the norms of the law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, 25 February, [in the year of the Lord] 2021.

Mauro Card. Piacenza,
Major Penitentiary

Krzysztof Nykiel
Regent

