

MOST HOLY FATHER

Romulo G. Valles, Metropolitan Archbishop of Davao, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, respectfully explains that from 4 April 2021 to 22 April 2022, the 500th anniversary of the evangelization of the Philippine will be celebrated.

In truth, the most desired end of this celebration is the increase in the virtues of faith, hope and charity, which is reflected in practices that conform to the laws of the Gospel. This will certainly be attained more easily if the faithful are aided by indulgences that can cancel in them even the consequences of sin, which must be expiated through temporal punishment.

In this regard, His Excellency confidently requests Your Holiness the gift of the indulgence according to the practice of the jubilee.

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The Apostolic Penitentiary, by mandate of the Holy Father Francis, gladly grants a jubilee year with the accompanying plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff). This is granted to the Christian faithful, who are truly penitent and moved by charity, and may also be applied by them, by way of suffrages, for the souls of the faithful detained in purgatory, if in union with the spiritual goals of the Year of St. Joseph, they will go on pilgrimage to a "jubilee church" in the Philippines that has been listed and identified in the request letter, and there, devotedly take part in the solemn rites, or at least, they will devote themselves for a suitable period of time, to pray to the Lord for the fidelity of the Filipino people to their Christian calling, for the increase of priestly and religious vocations and for the defense of the family, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the profession of Faith, and an invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The elderly, the sick and all those who, for a serious reason, are unable to leave their home, can likewise obtain the plenary indulgence, if – with the expressed renunciation of every sin and with the intention of fulfilling the three usual conditions as soon as possible – they join themselves spiritually to the celebrations, offering their prayers and sufferings, or the inconvenience of one's own life to the merciful God through Mary.

So that, therefore, the access to the attainment of divine mercy through the keys of the Church could become easier for the sake of pastoral charity, this Penitentiary strongly requests that diocesan penitentiaries, cathedral clergy, parish priests and other priests, endowed with appropriate faculties to hear confessions, offer the celebration of penance in the jubilee churches, with a ready and generous spirit, and also bring holy communion to the sick.

The present decree is valid only for this occasion. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

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