



APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

Prot. N. 227/18/I

DECREE

For increasing the religious observance of the faithful and for the salvation of souls, the APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, by the power of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff, Francis, Pope by Divine Providence, following the petitions brought forth on the 12th of February, 2018, by Reverend Carlos Martins, CC, Coordinator of the Pilgrimages of Relics, to be carried out throughout the United States of America, benevolently grants a *plenary indulgence* under the customary conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer according to the mind of the Supreme Pontiff) to be obtained by all faithful Christians truly penitent, if they are present at the sacred pilgrimage of the relics, which, with a great concourse of the people, will be carried out through very many dioceses of the United States of America.

Thus, the pilgrims will be encouraged to transfer the supernatural virtues into the action of their lives, especially Faith, Hope, and Charity, and they will solidify their union with the Roman Pontiff, the visible foundation of the unity of the whole Catholic Church.

Persons of old age, the sick, and all who are unable to leave their home for a serious reason, will likewise be able to gain the plenary indulgence after their rejection of every sin that has been conceived in their hearts, and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as it would be have been possible, the three customary conditions, if they would have joined themselves spiritually to the holy pilgrimages, and after prayers and their own sufferings and inconveniences have been offered to a merciful God.

Therefore, in order that, in keeping with pastoral love, the access may be made easier to attain divine forgiveness through the Keys of the Church, this Apostolic Penitentiary earnestly begs that pastors and priests endowed with the opportune faculties of hearing Confessions may offer themselves with a ready and generous spirit for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

The present document will have validity for seven years, notwithstanding anything whatsoever to the contrary. Given in Rome, from the building of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 23rd day of March in the year of the Lord's Incarnation 2018.

(signed) Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, Major Penitentiary

(signed) Christopher Nykiel, Regent