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DECREE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, to augment the religious belief of the faithful and salvation of souls, by means of the faculties given it in the most special way by our Most Holy Father and Lord in Christ, Francis, who by Divine Providence is Pope, having given attention to the request recently brought forth by the Most Reverend Lord Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, together with the Rector of the Shrine of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Nasonville in the aforementioned diocese, in the hundredth anniversary of that same sanctuary, from the heavenly treasury of the Church graciously concedes a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff) to those Christians truly moved by penance and charity. This is to be gained from May 18, 2023 to May 17, 2024, which can even be applied to the souls of the faithful departed detained in Purgatory by way of suffrage, if they approach the Sanctuary of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in groups or individually on pilgrimage and there participate devoutly in the Jubilee celebrations, or at least for a reasonable period of time spent in pious meditation, concluding by the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus.

The elderly and all of the sick who for grave cause cannot leave their homes can equally gain a Plenary Indulgence, having a detestation of all sin and intention of fulfilling (where it can be done) the three customary conditions, if they spiritually join in the jubilee celebrations, offering to the Lord God's mercy their prayers, sorrows, and inconveniences of their own lives.

And therefore by these reasons, by virtue of the divine favor granted to us by the power of the keys of the Church, and such that pastoral charity can be more easily rendered, this Penitentiary warmly urges that the Rector of the Sanctuary and priests who have the faculties to hear confessions, with a prompt and generous heart, avail themselves for the Sacrament of Penance.

This document is valid for this occasion only, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the Palace of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on May 16, 2023, in Year of the Incarnation 2023.

Maurus Cardinal Piacenza
Major Penitentiary

Christopher Nykiel
Regent

