

# APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

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Prot. N. 124/18/I

## DECREE

THE APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, in order to advance the religion of the faithful and the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, by Divine Providence Pope, attentive to the prayers recently conveyed by Rev. Michael Champagne, Superior of the Community of *Jesus Crucified* (as it is called), with the earnest support of his Excellency the Bishop of Lafayette, benevolently grants from the Church's heavenly treasures a *plenary Indulgence*, which is to be obtained under the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff) by the Christian faithful who are truly penitent and compelled by charity, and which they may also, in the manner of suffrage [i.e. intercession], apply to the souls of the faithful detained in Purgatory, if they participate in the sacred celebrations and particular circumstances which will take place, with a great confluence of people, through the whole event called in the vernacular the "Jubilee of the Word Marathon – 100 Hours for 100 Years," from the 4<sup>th</sup> day to the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, in the whole Diocese of Lafayette.

The elderly, the infirm, and all who for a grave reason cannot leave home can equally obtain the *plenary Indulgence*, having made a renunciation of every sin, and with the intention of performing the three usual conditions at the first possible opportunity, if they spiritually join themselves to the aforementioned event, offering their prayers and sufferings or the troubles of their own life to the merciful God.

Therefore, in order that access to obtain divine pardon through the keys of the Church may happen more easily in favor of pastoral charity, this Penitentiary earnestly asks that Pastors and priests endowed with the proper faculties to hear confessions, with a prompt and generous spirit, make themselves available for the celebration of Penance.

The present shall be valid only for this occasion. Whatsoever acting to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in Rome, from the office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of the Lord 2018.

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MAURO Card. PIACENZA  
*Major Penitentiary*

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*Regent*