BEATISSIME PATER,

Robertus Josephus Baker, Episcopus Birminghamiensis in Alabama, Sanctitati Tuæ ex animo pandens filialis affectio in sensu et promptæ oboedientia proposita, plenariam implorat Indulgentiam pro fidelibus qui, vere paenitentes atque caritate compulsi, seæ sacramentalis Confessionis purificantæ, et Ss.ma Eucharistia reficientes, preces denuum ad mentem Summi Pontificis pie fruendæ, a die XIII mensis Maii MMXVII usque ad diem XIII Maii MMXVIII in nubilaribus templis rite designandis, sacræs intercærætæ functionæ spirituæque inceps ad dieæ celebrandæ centenum annum anniverzæriæ, ex quo in loco "Cova da Iria", tres parvi pastores, Lucia, Franciscus et Hyacintha, a die XIII mensis Maii usque ad diem XIII mensis Octobris anno MCMXVII, singulari inopinatoque usi sunt beneæs oculis Virgæ Mariam cernendi, quæ matri nove eos invitatæ ut pro peccatorum conversione orarent paenitentiamque pro animarum salutæ agerent. Et Deus, etc.

Die XIX Maii MMXVII

PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA, de mandato Sanctissimi Patris Francisci, nubilarem benigne concedit Annum cum adnæsa plenæ Indulgentiae, christifidelibus qui, supra indicatæ conditionibus rite adimplitis, nubilares ecclesiæs, oratóriæ, cappellas vel sanctuarium in forma peregrinationis invenerunt et ibi alicui sacrae functionis vel pro exercitio in honorem Beatae Mariae Virginis devote intercesserunt, vel sacerdominum temporis spatum pro conversione peccatorum, pro sacerdotiis ac religiosis impetrandis votacionibus et pro defendendo humanae familiæ instituto, humiles effuderunt preces, concludingas Oratione Dominica, Symbolo Fidei invocationibusque B. Mariae Virg. de Fatima.

Fideles, senectute, morbo vel gravi alia causa impediti, pariter plenariam consaqui valebunt Indulgentiæm si, concepta detestatione cuiusque peccati et intentione praestandæ, ubi primum locutæ, tres consuetæ conditio, coram aliqua parva Mariana imagine nubilaribus functionibus vel peregrinationibus se spiritæter adhuc exercerunt, precibus ac doloribus suis, vel incommunicis propriae vitae, misericordiæ Deo per Mariam fiducialiter obtulisse.

Quo igitur accessus, ad divinam veniam per Ecclesiæ claves consequendam, facilior pro pastoralis caritate evadat, hæc Paenitentiaria cuix est rogat ut sacerdotes, quibus pastoralis cura nubilarum temporum commissa est, generoso animo celebrationi Paenitentiæ sese praebant æc S. Communionem infirmis saepe ministret.

Praesenti per Fatimæum Inutilæum valuturo. Contrariis quibuslibet non obstantibus.

Maurus Card. Piacenza
Paenitentiarius Maior

Christophorus Nysius
Region
APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

Prot. N. 590/17/I

MOST BLESSED FATHER,

Robert Joseph Baker, Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, heartily offering sentiments of filial affection and intentions of prompt obedience, requests a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who, being truly penitent and moved by charity, purifying themselves by sacramental Confession and strengthening themselves through the Most Holy Eucharist, and also pouring forth prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, from the 13th of May 2017 to the 13th of May 2018 at Jubilee Shrines to be duly designated, shall take part in sacred functions and spiritual undertakings for the worthy celebration of the 100th anniversary of that event which took place in the "Cova da Iria" [Fatima, Portugal], where three little shepherds – Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta – from the 13th of May until the 13th of October 1917, in a singular and unexpected way, were privileged to enjoy with their own eyes visions of the Virgin Mary, who in a motherly way invited them to pray for the conversion of sinners and do penance for the salvation of souls. And God, etc.

May 19, 2017

THE APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, by mandate of the Most Holy Father Francis, gladly grants a Jubilee Year [Diocesan Marian Year] with a Plenary Indulgence attached to the Christian faithful who, having duly fulfilled the above-mentioned conditions, shall make a pilgrimage to visit the Jubilee churches, oratories, chapels, or shrines, and there devoutly take part in some sacred function or pious exercise in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or spend a suitable amount of time humbly pouring forth prayers for the conversion of sinners, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for the defense of the institution of the family, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and invocations to Our Lady of Fatima.

The faithful who are impeded by old age, sickness, or some other grave cause shall also be able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, having a conscious rejection of all sin and the intention to fulfill the three usual conditions as soon as possible, if they join themselves spiritually to the Jubilee celebrations and pilgrimages and, before some small Marian image, confidently offer their prayers and sufferings to the mercy of God through Mary.

In order that access to the gaining of divine forgiveness through the Power of the Keys may be facilitated by pastoral charity, this Penitentiary earnestly asks that those priests entrusted with the pastoral care of [designated] Jubilee Shrines make themselves available with a generous heart for the celebration of Penance, and that they frequently bring Holy Communion to the sick.

This Decree is valid for the entirety of the Fatima Jubilee [Diocesan Marian Year]. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Maurus S. R. E. Card. Piacenza
Paenitentiarius Maior

Christophorus Nykiel
Regens