



PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

Prot. N. 590/17/1

B E A T I S S I M E P A T E R,

Robertus Josephus Baker, Episcopus Birminghamiensis in Alabamia, Sanctitati
Tuae ex animo pandens filialis affectionis sensus et promptae oboedientiae proposita,
plenariam implorat Indulgentiam pro fidelibus qui, vere paenitentes atque caritate
compulsi, sese sacramentali Confessione purificantes, et Ss.ma Eucharistia reficientes, preces
demum ad mentem Summi Pontificis pie fundentes, a die XIIII mensis Maii MMXVII
usque ad diem XIIII Maii MMXVIII in iubilaribus templis rite designandis, sacris inter-
fuerint functionibus spiritualibusque inceptis ad digne celebrandum centesimum anniver-
sarum, ex quo in loco "Cova da Iria", tres parvi pastores, Lucia, Franciscus et Hyacintha,
a die XIIII mensis Maii usque ad diem XIIII mensis Octobris anno MCMXVII, singulari
inopinatoque usi sunt beneficio suis oculis Virginem Mariam cernendi, quae matris more
eos invitabat ut pro peccatorum conversione orarent paenitentiamque pro animarum salute
agerent. Et Deus, etc.

Die XIX Maii MMXVII

PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA, de mandato Sanctissimi Patris Francisci,
iubilarem benigne concedit Annum cum adnexa plenaria Indulgentia, christifidelibus qui,
supra indicatis condicionibus rite adimpletis, iubilares ecclesias, oratoria, cappellas vel
sanctuaria in forma peregrinationis inviserint et ibi alicui sacrae functioni vel pio exercitio
in honorem Beatae Mariae Virginis devote interfuerint, vel saltem per congruum temporis
spatium pro conversione peccatorum, pro sacerdotalibus ac religiosis impetrandi vocatio-
nibus et pro defendendo humanae familiae instituto, suimiles effuderint preces, conclu-
dendas Oratione Dominica, Symbolo Fidei invocationibusque B. Mariae Virg. de Fatima.

Fideles, senectute, morbo vel gravi alia causa impediti, pariter plenariam consequi
valebunt Indulgentiam si, concepta detestatione cuiusque peccati et intentione praestandi,
ubi primum licuerit, tres consuetas condiciones, coram aliqua parva Mariana imagine
iubilaribus functionibus vel peregrinationibus se spiritualiter adiunixerint, precibus ac dolori-
bus suis, vel incommidis propriae vitae, misericordi Deo per Mariam fiducialiter oblatis.

Quo igitur accessus, ad divinam veniam per Ecclesiae claves consequendam, facilior
pro pastorali caritate evadat, haec Paenitentiaria enixe rogat ut sacerdotes, quibus pasto-
ralis cura iubilarium templorum commissa est, generoso animo celebrationi Paenitentiae
sese praebant ac S. Communionem infirmis saepe ministrent.

Praesenti per Fatimanum Jubilaeum valituro. Contrariis quibuslibet non obstan-
tibus.

MAURUS Card. PIACENZA
Paenitentiarius Maior

CHRISTOPHORUS NYKIEL
Regens



APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

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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