

APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

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DECREE

The Most Holy Father, Francis, to the Most Reverend Henry Walter, Moderator General of the Institute of Schoenstatt Fathers and President of the General Presidium of the International Schoenstatt Work, having learned of the Jubilee celebrations commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the day when the Servant of God Joseph Kantenich – at that time priest of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate – who, always solicitous for the renewal of religious life, founded in Schoenstatt, near the village of Vallendar, the aforementioned Work. This occurred through an act of consecration, a covenant of love with Mary under the title of Three Times Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress. Desiring to bestow upon the faithful the divine gift of grace and moved by his loving concern for the universal Church and special affection for the members of the International Schoenstatt Work, the Most Holy Father hereby graciously extends a plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (i.e., sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father), to all members of the Schoenstatt Work and to other members of the Christian faithful who are celebrating the jubilee, when they are truly sorry for their sins and who unite their hearts to the spiritual goals of the Year of Faith. This plenary Indulgence can be obtained from the 18th of October (2013) until the 26th of October of 2014 if the aforementioned have participated in any of the celebrations of the Jubilee Year or have performed some other pious devotion or at least taken a pause from daily activities to meditate, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the Profession of Faith, and invocations of the Three Times Admirable Mother, Queen and Victress. These actions can be performed on any given day in Schoenstatt, on certain feast days to be determined in the city of Rome and in all the Schoenstatt shrines throughout the world.

Those members of the Schoenstatt Work who are impeded from participating in these celebrations due to poor health or some other serious cause can also obtain a Plenary Indulgence wherever they happen to be, presuming they are free of attachment to sin and have the intention of fulfilling the customary three conditions as soon as they are able, if indeed they will have united themselves spiritually to the sacred rites and offered their prayers, sufferings, and whatever inconveniences they face to the mercy of God through Mary.

Therefore, in order to facilitate access to divine mercy through the keys entrusted to the Church, and for the sake of pastoral charity, this Penitentiary ardently exhorts the Fathers and Priests of Schoenstatt to generously make themselves available for the Sacrament of Penance and to administer Holy Communion to the sick often.

All of the above will remain in force throughout the Jubilee Year, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 2nd of October in the Year 2013.

Kardinal Mauro Piacenza

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