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A Jubilee Gift of Grace For 200 Years of Catholic Faith

Plenary Indulgence for the Bicentennial

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski warmly invites the faithful to embrace the spiritual richness of the Bicentennial Jubilee of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In honor of this historic 200th anniversary, a **Plenary Indulgence** has been granted by the Holy See through **July 26, 2026**, offering a sacred opportunity for pilgrimage, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment for sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. Through the Church's ministry and under defined conditions, the faithful may receive this grace.

While the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our relationship with God by forgiving sin, the Catechism teaches that even venial sin leaves effects that require purification. This purification must take place here on earth or after death in Purgatory. The faithful may obtain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the souls of the departed.

The Jubilee invites the faithful to receive this gift with humility and hope, trusting in God's desire not only to forgive sin, but to heal, restore, and draw every soul more deeply into communion with Him.

Requirements for Receiving the Plenary Indulgence:

- Be in a state of grace and truly penitent.
- Visit, in the form of a pilgrimage, a designated place of worship, and spend a suitable period of time there in prayerful reflection and pious meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- With a heart detached from sin*, fulfill the usual conditions within 20 days before or after the pilgrimage: receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

* *Detachment from sin does not require a state of sinlessness, but a heartfelt disposition to turn away from sin and not willingly choose it again.*

Additional information, including the special provision for the sick or homebound, may be found on the Bicentennial Jubilee website.