Legion of Mary Announcement

Plenary Indulgence

Granted to the Faithful by Pope Francis in Recognition of the Legion of Mary's Centenary Anniversary

Pope Francis, through the Sacred Penitentiary has granted the Legion of Mary members (active and auxiliary) and other members of the faithful, during the Centenary Celebrations of the Legion of Mary, a PLENARY INDULGENCE properly fulfilled under the usual conditions - performance of prescribed act, Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intention of the Holy Pontiff and a firm amendment of a contrite heart and detachment from sin. Granted during the Centenary Anniversary of the Legion of Mary from September 7, 2021 - September 7, 2022.

The Prescribed Acts

To receive this plenary indulgence one must be in the state of grace at the time the prescribed work is performed. This work, according to the Sacred Penitentiary could be fulfilled by one of the following:

- 1) Visit a Church where the Legion of Mary officially exists or any Church that has been designated by the Legion of Mary, in cases of areas or localities where the Legion of Mary is not present. You can find the list of these Churches by visiting the San Francisco Senatus website: www.sfsenatus.com (Plenary Indulgence Page).
- 2) Participate devoutly in a Pilgrimage to some appropriate Marian Shrine, internationally (such as Guadalupe in Mexico, Fatima, etc.) or locally (such as Our Lady of Peace in Santa Clara, CA, Shrine of Our Lady of Bethlehem in Carmel, CA). *Note: During this visitation of Churches or while in Pilgrimage, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed must be recited devoutly,
- 3) Attend or participate at the joyful celebrations of the Centenary Anniversary of the Legion of Mary (announcement will be made by your local Legion group for such joyful event). The aged, sick or the homebound can also receive the indulgence by 'joining in spirit' at these joyful celebrations by offering their prayers, sorrows or misfortunes of their lives to the mercy of God and adopting a spirit of firm amendment and a detestation of sin.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states (1471) "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt had already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfaction of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead."