



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

DECREE

For the Observance
of the
Special Indulgence for the Year of Faith
Archdiocese of Vancouver

The Holy Father Benedict XVI has established a special Year of Faith on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

During the Year of Faith, the gift of special Indulgences is granted as described in the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, published on September 14, 2012.

Four things are necessary to gain a plenary indulgence.

1. The performance of the work to which the indulgence is attached, which can be satisfied in all cases by offering an Our Father and a Hail Mary or some other prayers of one's choice for the Pope's intentions.
2. Sacramental confession.
3. Eucharistic Communion.
4. Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

In addition to this it is required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent.

The conditions of confession, Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work.

In conformity with the provisions of the Apostolic Penitentiary, I declare that the Christian faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, having fulfilled the afore-stated required conditions, may benefit from the Plenary Indulgence when they assist at Holy Mass or if they partake devoutly in any sacred function or in a public pious exercise offered on the following Holy Days at any Parish Church in the Archdiocese:

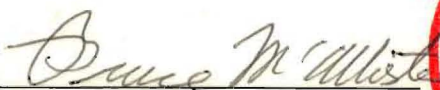
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – December 8, 2012;
Solemnity of Christmas – December 25, 2012;
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2013;
Solemnity of the Epiphany – January 6, 2013;
Memorial of Saint André Bessette – January 7, 2013;
Ash Wednesday – February 13, 2013;
Memorial of Saint Joseph – March 19, 2013;
Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha – April 17, 2013;
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul – June 29, 2013;
Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15, 2013;
Memorial of Canadian Martyrs – September 26, 2013; and
Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7, 2013.

I designate all Parish Churches, Catholic School and Hospital Chapels in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for the exercise of the aforesaid sacred functions.

Lastly, the faithful who are prevented by illness or another legitimate and important cause, always in a spirit of detachment from any inclination to sin, with the intention of fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as possible, can also obtain the Plenary Indulgence, as long as they spiritually join in a celebration for the Year of Faith.

This decree is effective from All Souls Day, Friday, November 2, 2012 to the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary, Monday, October 7, 2013.

Given at Vancouver, British Columbia
All Saints Day, November 1, 2012


Reverend Bruce McAllister, JCL
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