



## ARCHDIOCESE OF AGAÑA

To: **ALL CLERGY, COMMUNITIES OF CONSECRATED PERSONS, LAY COLLABORATORS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE**  
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CC: **ARCHBISHOP RYAN P. JIMENEZ AND LITURGICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS**  
Date: **FEBRUARY 01, 2025**  
Re: **INDULGENCES GRANTED FOR THE JUBILEE OF HOPE YEAR 2025**

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My dear People of God in the Archdiocese of Agana, may the joy and hope of this Jubilee Year be upon you.

Pilgrimages to the Pilgrim Churches will officially begin with the Lenten Season on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, March 05, 2025.

As the Jubilee of Hope Year is underway, I share information from the Vatican regarding Indulgences that can be received during this Holy Year.

This Decree was given by Angelo Cardinal De Donatis and is valid for the entire Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary. Given in Rome, from the Offices of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 13 May 2024, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.

“During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all other Indulgences previously granted remain in force. All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways. According to Pope Francis, “The sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift but also a decisive, essential, and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us, and to reveal to us his tender and compassionate countenance”

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father through the following:

- I. **PILGRIMAGE** – “Undertake a pious pilgrimage by visiting the Cathedral or other church or sacred place designated by the local Ordinary with all its symbolic significance to manifest the great need for conversion and reconciliation.” Travel to any sacred Jubilee site and participate in a Mass, a Liturgy of the Word, one of the major hours from the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer), devotional prayers such as the Way of the Cross, the Rosary, the Akathist hymn, or a penance service that ends with a sacramental confession. Additionally, an indulgence may be obtained by a pilgrimage to one of the four Papal Major Basilicas in Rome, one of three Basilicas in the Holy Land.
- II. **PIOUS VISITS TO SACRED PLACES** – “Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone “will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children.” When visiting a Jubilee site, one may engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation for a suitable period of time, concluding with an Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary. A prayer for the intention of the Holy Father is also to be made. In addition to those places of pilgrimage noted above, several Jubilee sites have been designated in Rome, Assisi, and Padua. Additionally, an indulgence may be obtained by making a pious visit to any minor basilica, cathedral or co-cathedral church, Marian shrine, or other



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churches or places of prayer designated by the Diocesan Bishop, Eparch, or Conference of Bishops. Those who are unable to take part in pilgrimages or pious visits for serious reasons, such as cloistered religious, the elderly, the sick and those who care for them, or the imprisoned, may obtain the indulgence by uniting themselves in spirit with those making pilgrimages or pious visits, offering up their sufferings and hardships to the Lord.

- III. **WORKS OF MERCY AND PENANCE** – “In addition, the performance of works of mercy and penance provides the most diverse opportunities to obtain the Jubilee indulgence, including participation in popular missions, spiritual exercises, formational activities on the documents of Vatican II or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or the performance of corporal or spiritual works of mercy. Additionally, while a plenary indulgence may normally be obtained only once a day, during the Jubilee a second plenary indulgence can be received on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, by those faithful who carry out an act of charity and receive Holy Communion a second time in the context of Mass. Diocesan bishops, eparchs, and those equivalent to them in law are permitted to give the Papal Blessing with its indulgence at the main Jubilee celebration in a cathedral and Jubilee churches.

“Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased, this must take place within a Eucharistic celebration.”

In a special way, "During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind". Therefore, the Indulgence is also linked to certain works of mercy and penance, which bear witness to the conversion undertaken. The faithful, following the example and mandate of Christ, are encouraged to carry out works of charity or mercy more frequently, especially in the service of those brothers and sisters who are burdened by various needs. More especially, they should rediscover these "corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead" and rediscover also "the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead".

“In this way, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people...), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.”

All diocesan bishops and eparchs and those who are equivalent to them in law, on the most appropriate day of this jubilee period, on the occasion of the main celebration in the cathedral and in the individual jubilee churches, may impart the Papal Blessing with the attached plenary indulgence, obtainable by all the faithful who receive this Blessing under the usual conditions.

It is the hope and prayer of our Shepherd Archbishop Ryan and the Liturgical Commission that each of you will take full opportunity to avail of this special gift we have been given during this Holy Year.

Pax Domini sit vobiscum

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