



Thursday, March 26, 2020
Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

TO: All Priests, Deacons, and Social Media Managers

FROM: Fr. John Grant, *Director of Worship*

SUBJECT: Coronavirus Plenary Indulgences

Memorandum

Please consider encouraging and leading the People of God in making use of these plenary indulgences granted by Pope Francis through the Apostolic Penitentiary. One is for those who are sick and for their caregivers, and the other is available to all the baptized. To gain either of them, the faithful must accomplish the indulgenced act by the following means:

1. Those suffering coronavirus and those who care for them who are quarantined either in a hospital or in their home may receive a plenary indulgence if they:
 - a. participate in Mass through television or livestream
 - b. pray the Rosary
 - c. pray the Stations of the Cross or some similar devotion
 - d. or at least pray the Apostles' Creed, Our Father, and Hail Mary.
2. Any of the faithful may receive a plenary indulgence if they perform one of the following while praying to God for an "end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted, and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself."
 - a. visit the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharistic Adoration for half an hour
 - b. read holy Scripture for half an hour
 - c. pray the Stations of the Cross or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

In addition to performing the indulgence as detailed above, the faithful must also fulfill the *usual conditions* for a plenary indulgence, that is, receive of holy communion and go to Confessions as soon as is possible, offer some prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, and be detached from all sin, even venial sin.

Additionally, for the comfort of families and loved ones, please make them aware that a plenary indulgence is also granted to the dying if they are duly disposed and have said a few prayers in their lifetime. It is also asked that you recommend to them that a crucifix or cross be placed in the view of the dying loved one.

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