

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

According to a decree made public on October 5 by the Apostolic Penitentiary, Benedict XVI will grant the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the Year of Faith.



The following are conditions to obtain a Plenary Indulgence in Hiroshima Diocese during the Year of Faith (11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013). A Plenary Indulgence for the temporal punishment of sin is imparted from the mercy of God and applicable to the souls of deceased faithful, and may be obtained by all faithful who ①are truly penitent ② go to Sacramental Confession ③ receive the Eucharist ④and pray for the Intentions of the Pope.

Parishes, religious communities and others in Hiroshima Diocese

- A) Each time the faithful attend at least three sermons during a Mission, or at least read three lessons on the Acts of the Vatican Council or articles of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- B) On any day they chose during the Year of Faith if they make a pious visit to the church in which they received Baptism, and renew their baptismal promises.
- C) Each time that in any sacred place, they participate in a solemn celebration of the Eucharist or the Liturgy of the Hours, adding thereto the Profession of Faith, on any of the following days.

- 12.24, 25 Nativity of the Lord
 - 1. 1. Mary, Mother of God
 - 2. 5. Paul Miki and companions
 - 3.30. Holy Saturday
 - 3.31. Easter Sunday
 - 5.19. Pentecost Sunday
 - 6. 2. The Body of Christ
 - 7. 1. Blessed .Paulo Kibe and the 187 Martyrs
 - 8.15. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - 11. 1. All Saints Day
 - 11.10. Mass at the Diocesan Cemetery

D) Those who attend the following Masses conducted by the bishop who imparts the papal blessing.

- 5. 3. Tsubakidani Otometoge martyrs
- 11.24. Christ the King : closing of the Year of Faith

E) Each time they visit the designated course of a pilgrimage in the diocese, and there

①participate in a sacred celebration, or at least remain for a congruous period of time in prayer and meditation, ②concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary and, depending on the circumstances, to the Holy Apostles and patron saints.

- Hiroshima : World Peace Memorial Church (Cathedral)、
St.Thomas Kozaki Monument (Mihara city)
Hiroshima Christian Martyrs Monument (Koi, Hiroshima city)
- Okayama : St.Diego Kisai Memorial Church(Okayama)
St.Diego Kisai Memorial Park(Haga no sato)
Tsurushima(Hinase-cho, Bizen-city)
- Yamaguchi : Yamaguchi Xavier Memorial Church(Yamaguchi)
Hagi Christian Martyrs Memorial Park(Hagi)
- Shimane : Matsue Parish Church, Otometoge(Tsuwano)
- Tottori : Tsubakidani(Tottori city)

Those who are unable to leave their place of abode because of illness or other Legitimate reason

They may still obtain a Plenary Indulgence “if united in spirit and thought with other faithful, and especially at the times when the words of the Supreme Pontiff and diocesan bishop are transmitted by television , radio or internet if they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith , and other prayers that concord with the objective of the Year of Faith while offering up their suffering and discomforts..”

● **Hiroshima Diocese**

We are encouraged to pray united in spirit and thought with other faithful at the time of the above mentioned masse (C), (D)

The formal hymn for the Year of Faith is the hymn, “Credo Domine”.

● **On behalf of others**

“It is possible to offer a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful (living or dead) who cannot practice the designated conditions. ” In view of the spiritual help obtained, it is strongly recommended that we obtain the Indulgence for others.

* **Pilgrimage to Rome** . Follow the rules of Rome.

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