Decree

Plenary Indulgences for the Year of Consecrated Life

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has established a Year of Consecrated Life, extending from the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2016. During the Year of Consecrated Life, the Holy Father has conceded the gift of a Plenary Indulgence (under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope) to all members of institutes of consecrated life and other truly repentant faithful. The indulgence may be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

I, as Bishop of San Jose, hereby decree that within the Diocese of San Jose the indulgence may be obtained by visiting the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in San Jose, the Immaculate Heart Monastery of Poor Clares in Los Altos Hills, the Carmelite Monastery of the Infant Jesus in Santa Clara, and Mount Saint Joseph Carmelite Monastery in San Jose.

There, the faithful join in the public celebration of the Eucharist or the Liturgy of the Hours, or spend a suitable period of time in devout reflection and prayer, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ or Nicene Creed, and an invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, such as the Hail Mary.

The plenary indulgence may be obtained on these following dates in the Diocese of San Jose:

All First Fridays during the Year of Consecrated Life

The days of the Easter Triduum (April 2-5, 2015)

April 11, 2015 (Saturday within the Octave of Easter)

February 2, 2016 (World Day of Consecrated Life and the end of the Year of Consecrated Life)

Given in San Jose, on this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord 2015.

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Bishop of San Jose