

Pilgrimages carried out in our Diocese this Jubilee Year 2025, to obtain a plenary indulgence from the Church, do not require special permission from the Diocesan Bishop, since His Holiness Pope Francis already provided this for all Catholic faithful around the world in the Papal Bull of May 2024.

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/bolla.html>

The conditions for gaining the plenary indulgence are indicated in the Decree on the granting of the indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, called by His Holiness Pope Francis, May 13, 2024.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/0392/00808.html#en>

The General Norms to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee are

- Faithful must be truly repentant and free of sin,
- Receive Confession and Holy Communion,
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope,
- Have a spirit of charity.
- The indulgence can be applied for oneself or souls in Purgatory.

Ways to Obtain the Jubilee Indulgence

- *Pilgrimages*: Visit designated sacred sites and participate in devotions such as Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, and the Rosary. Any minor basilica, cathedral church, co-cathedral church, Marian sanctuary, any distinguished collegiate church or sanctuary **designated by the diocesan bishop** (*Spes non confundit*, BULL OF INDICTION OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025)
- *Pious Visits*: Visit sacred sites and pray the Our Father, Creed, and prayers to Mary.
- *Works of Mercy and Penance*: Engage in charity, formation, or spiritual exercises; practice works of mercy; penance especially on Fridays. The indulgence is linked to particular 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 " (*Misericordiae vultus*, 15) and rediscover also "the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead" (ibid.). Monetary donations are valuable, but they should complement, not replace, acts of mercy and penance. Encouraging personal engagement and compassion remains essential.

Given the sacred and historic significance of the Cathedral of the Holy Name of Jesus, it stands as a meaningful site for pilgrimages. We kindly ask you to coordinate with the Rector of the Cathedral to arrange these pilgrimages in a timely manner, ensuring a smooth and reverent experience.

We also encourage all pilgrims to be well-informed about the requirements for obtaining the plenary indulgence, and to remain steadfast in their faith, trusting in God's mercy and grace.