

March 9, 1929.

The Jubilee Indulgences.

This is the Golden Jubilee Year of Pope Pius XI as a priest; he is fifty years a priest. In gratitude to Divine Providence for these blessings of these years, he has declared this a Holy Year and has granted Extraordinary Jubilee Indulgences. The Ordinary Jubilee comes every twenty-five years; we had it in 1925 in Rome, and in 1926 throughout Christendom. The last Extraordinary Jubilee was the one proclaimed by Pius X in 1903, in commemoration of the sixteen-hundredth anniversary of the battle of the Milvian Bridge, which brought the Church out of the catacombs in a friendly Roman Empire.

The Indulgences granted for the Holy Year are:

1. A plenary indulgence, taking away the temporal punishment for all sins forgiven, to all who fulfill the requirements of the Jubilee Indulgences; and this may be gained as often as one fulfills the conditions, and may be applied to himself or to the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
2. An indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines (forty-day periods) every time one prays before the Blessed Sacrament according to the intentions of the Holy Father (this in addition to other indulgences for the same practice);
3. A plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions of Holy Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father) for all who make such visits for a week;
4. With every Mass said by every priest, a plenary indulgence may be gained for a soul in Purgatory if the Mass is offered for that soul.

The privileges granted are that any priest with the faculties of the diocese may absolve from all sins except a few reserved to the Holy See for absolution, and may dispense from certain private vows which are otherwise reserved.

The conditions for making the Jubilee (gaining the indulgences and making use of the privileges, if you have need of them) are as follows:

Visits. Six visits to one, two, or three churches, according to the ordinance of the local Bishop. This condition cannot be fulfilled until the Bishop appoints the church for this purpose, but in the meantime we are permitted to begin the other works and may make the Jubilee confession.

Fast and Abstinence. This is required on two days which are not fast days by virtue of any precept. The dispensation we enjoy does not dispense us from the fast and abstinence required for the Jubilee, but we may ask our confessors for a commutation of this condition to some other work if we find the condition too difficult.

Confession and Holy Communion. Receiving the Sacraments for the fulfillment of the Easter Duty will not suffice for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence. There must be a separate reception of these Sacraments. If one desires to gain the Indulgence more than once he must go to confession and receive Holy Communion each time he fulfills the other works.

Alms. An alms is required, "according to each one's means and piety;" we are required to consult our confessors regarding both the amount of alms and the work we should assist with the alms, but we are not required to follow his advice. The Holy Father recommends particularly the work of the "Propagation and Preservation of the Faith;" hence donations to Mission, Home or Foreign, will fulfill the spirit of this recommendation.

Prayers.

Father Steiner's sister died Thursday night. Bob DeWald's mother underwent an operation Thursday. Frank Reilly, '28, lost his father recently. Fr. Healy's father is failing rapidly. Three special intentions.