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ON THE EIGHTH CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, A SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR IS ANNOUNCED WITH ATTACHED PLENARY INDULGENCES

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV has decided that from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027 is a special Jubilee Year in commemoration of the Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. This Jubilee year of St. Francis calls all of the faithful to follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi by becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace.

In order to assist in fulfilling these goals of holiness of life and witness to peace, the Apostolic Penitentiary, in conformity with the will of the Holy Father, through a decree dated January 10, 2026, on the occasion of the Year of St. Francis, grants a plenary indulgence under the usual circumstances (sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father), which can also be applied in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory:

1) Members:

-of the Franciscan Families of the First, Second, and Third Regular and Secular Orders;

- Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and Public or Private Associations of the faithful, male and female, which observe the Rule of St. Francis or are inspired by his spirituality or in any form they perpetuate his charism;

2) to all the faithful without distinction

who, with a spirit of detachment from sin, will participate in the Year of St. Francis by making a pilgrimage to the following churches in Maine:

- **St. Anthony Monastery, 28 Beach Avenue, Kennebunk, Maine; and**
- **St. Francis of Assisi Church, 81 Court Street, Belfast, Maine**
- **St. Mary of the Visitation Church, 110 Military Street, Houlton, Maine**


(However, the plenary indulgence may be received at any other Franciscan conventual church, or place of worship in any part of the world named after St. Francis or connected to him for any reason), and there, they will devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a suitable time in pious meditation and will raise prayers to God so that, following the example of St. Francis, may sentiments of Christian charity towards one's neighbor and authentic wishes for harmony and peace among peoples spring up in hearts, concluding with the Our

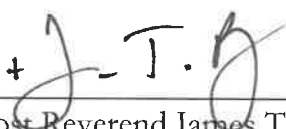
Father, Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare and all the saints of the Franciscan family.

The elderly, the sick and those who take care of them and all those who for serious reasons are unable to leave their homes, will also be able to obtain the Plenary Indulgence, provided that they are detached from any sin and intend to fulfill the three usual conditions (sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharistic, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father) as soon as possible, if they join spiritually in the celebrations of the Year of St. Francis, offering prayers to the Merciful God, the pains and or sufferings in one's life.

This revised Decree replaces the Decree dated January 30, 2026, and is effective from June 13, 2026, 12:01 AM to January 10, 2027, 11:59 PM.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Portland in Portland, Maine, this 12th day of June 2026.


Chancellor

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Most Reverend James T. Ruggieri
Bishop of Portland

