



Indulgences for the Year of Consecrated Life

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has established a Year of Consecrated Life, from the 1st Sunday of Advent (30th November) 2014 until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February) 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.

Within the Archdiocese of Sydney the indulgence may be obtained by visiting St Mary's Cathedral and there joining in the public celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours (for example, Vespers is sung most evenings at the Cathedral), or spending a suitable period of time of devout reflection, 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 Hail, Holy Queen, the Memorare, the Litany of Loreto etc.).

In addition to St Mary's Cathedral, I have designated the following churches and chapels within the Archdiocese as places which may be visited to gain the plenary indulgence under the same conditions: The Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, North Sydney; The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo; The Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Kensington; The Shrine of St Patrick, Church Hill (in the Rocks); The Church of St Philip Howard, Norfolk Island; the Shrine of St John Bosco, Engadine; and the Shrine of St Benedict, Smithfield.

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