

6. Children, who have not made their first communion, will recite five times the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" instead of communion.

7. If any one, after having commenced the works prescribed for the Jubilee, becomes ill or incapable of completing them, he may gain the indulgence by making his confession and receiving holy communion.

The six months granted for gaining the indulgences will begin Sunday, the 2nd day of June, and end on Sunday evening, the 1st day December.

When it is remembered that no sin is expiated except by penance and that the chief fruit of the Jubilee is the amendment of life, it will be readily seen that the profit to each individual will be measured by his dispositions. To foster the best and most worthy sentiments, it is desirable, wherever possible, to have spiritual exercises in the different parishes and missions. They may continue from three to six or eight days concluding with the Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament each day. During the exercises sermons may be given on the great truths of religion, the duties of parents, the occasions of sin, on luxury and intemperance; as instruction on these subjects will aid powerfully in the amendment of life.

The pastoral retreat for the clergy of the diocese will begin July 29th, next. You will kindly pray and ask the prayers of the people that God's blessing may attend it, that it may contribute much towards the sanctification of the pastors of their souls.

This letter, including the Pontifical Encyclical will be read and published the first Sunday after its reception at the different masses in your Church.

Yours faithfully in the Lord.

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