

A. Yes ; because they relate to a sacrament, and are, in some sort, a part of it, and therefore should never be omitted or long delayed.

Q. Will the penance, enjoined in confession, always satisfy for our sins ?

A. No ; but whatever else is wanting may be supplied by indulgences, and our own penitential endeavours.

Q. What does the Church teach concerning indulgences ?

A. That Christ gave power to the Church to grant indulgences ; and that they are most useful to christian people. *Conc. Trid. xi. 25.*

Q. What is the use of an indulgence ?

A. It releases from canonical penances, enjoined by the church on penitents, for certain sins.

Q. Has an indulgence any other effect ?

A. It also remits the temporal punishment, which often remains due to our sins—and which must be suffered in this life or the next, unless cancelled by indulgences, or by acts of penance, or other good works.

Q. Has the Church power to grant such indulgences ?

A. Yes ; *Whatsoever*, says Christ to Saint Peter, *thou shalt loose upon earth, it shall be loosed also in Heaven.* Matt. xvi. 10. 2 Cor. ii. 10.

Q. To whom does the Church grant indulgences ?

A. To *such only* as are in the state of grace ; and are sincerely desirous to amend their lives ; and to satisfy God's justice by penitential works.

Q. Is an Indulgence a pardon for sins to come, or a license to commit sin ?

A. No ; nor can it remit past sins—for sin must be remitted by penance ; and to grant pardon for sins to