

Christian morality, for knitting men's hearts more closely to the Holy See, and for obtaining for the people at large those other blessings of which we spoke at length when we first proclaimed the Great Jubilee. It will also be a fitting dedication for the opening of the new century. For we know of no better way in which mankind can initiate a new century than by availing themselves abundantly of the merits of the redemption of Christ.

We have not the least doubt but that all the children of the Church will welcome this unusual means of salvation in the same spirit in which we offer it. We are sure that our venerable brothers, the bishops, and all the clergy will, with their tried vigilance and diligence, duly exert themselves to give fullest fruition to the desires of all the faithful.

We do, therefore, by the authority of Almighty God, of the Blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by our own, extend and prorogue, for a period of six months, the Great Jubilee which has just been celebrated in the Holy City.

Wherefore, to all the faithful of both sexes in all parts of the earth, and even those who have not yet come to Rome during this year and there or elsewhere have not gained the Jubilee under the conditions, we grant and accord mercifully in the Lord, for once the full indulgence, remission and pardon of their sins.

(Then follows a detailed explanation of the numerous instructions required for the proper making of the Jubilee, the privileges of the confessors, their powers of dispensing from the impediments of marriage, etc.)

Given in Rome at St. Peter's, on the 25th day of December, 1900, the twenty-third year of our Pontificate.

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*Pro-Datary.*