

glory of the Church, may take refuge in the bosom of this their Mother, may root out the errors by which insensate enemies of the Church strive to shroud its splendor in darkness, may surround the Roman Pontiff with the highest homage, and, with their minds at rest in perfect trust, may see indeed in the Catholic religion the defence and safeguard of all things. Then will it be possible to hope that men, again fixing their eyes on the Cross, the sign of salvation, will be able completely to overcome the enemies of the Christian name and the unbridled lusts of their hearts. To the purpose, then, that the humble prayers that should be offered on the occasion of this solemn commemoration throughout the Catholic world may redound to the greater spiritual good of the faithful, We ordain that they be enriched with a Plenary Indulgence in Jubilee form, urgently exhorting all the children of the Church that they unite their prayers and their works of piety to Ours, to the end that by means of the spiritual favor of Jubilee offered to them these may bear the greatest possible fruit both to the profit of souls and the advantage of religion.

Relying therefore on the mercy of Almighty God and on the authority of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and having consulted Our Venerable Brethren, the Cardinal Inquisitors General of the Holy Roman Church, of that power of binding and loosing which to Us though unworthy has been entrusted, We by this present Letter grant and impart, in the form of a general Jubilee, a Plenary Indulgence of all sins to all and sundry of the faithful of both sexes, whether resident in this dear City of Ours or coming to visit us, who in this present year, from Low Sunday, when the secular celebrations intended to commemorate the Peace of the Church begin, to the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mother of God inclusive, twice visit each of the Basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Peter Prince of the Apostles and St. Paul outside the Walls; who there, according to Our intention, for some time pour forth their prayers to God for the prosperity and exaltation of the Catholic Church and of this Apostolic See, for the extirpation of heresies and the conversion of all who are in error, for concord amongst Christian Princes and peace and unity amongst all the faithful; who, having properly confessed their sins, refresh themselves during the period indicated with the celestial banquet; and who