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## INDULGENCES GRANTED FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING THE CATECHISM.

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Paul V. in his Constitution *Ex credito nobis*, October 6, 1607, "in order to animate the faithful the more diligently to teach and to learn Christian doctrine," granted the following Indulgences:

I. The Indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines, to all masters of schools who, on feast days, shall take their scholars to be instructed in Christian doctrine, and shall themselves instruct them in it; and to those who, on working days, explain Christian doctrine in their schools, 100 days Indulgence.

II. The Indulgence of 100 days to fathers and mothers every time they instruct their children and domestics in Christian doctrine.

III. The Indulgence of 100 days to all the faithful every time they employ themselves for half an-hour in teaching or learning Christian doctrine.

IV. The Indulgence of three years, on all the feasts of the Blessed Virgin, to the faithful of every age who are accustomed to assemble in school or church to learn Christian doctrine, provided they confess on the said feasts; and the Indulgence of seven years to those who, being of age to communicate, shall on those days receive the Blessed Sacrament.

V. The Indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines was added to these Indulgences by Clement XII., by a Brief, June 27, 1732, to all the faithful every time that, having confessed and communicated, they assist at catechism or doctrinal teaching, or catechise, or teach Christian doctrine.

VI. He granted also a Plenary Indulgence, after Confession and Communion, to those who have the pious custom of assisting at or teaching Christian doctrine, on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday, and on the feast of the Holy Apostles SS. Peter and Paul.—*Australia "Record."*

The rate of taxation in Rome is now three times greater than it was when that city was ruled by the Pope.