

Confessors may, in case of necessity, prolong the time for gaining the Jubilee, and may commute the prescribed works for other pious exercises, in case of those who, by reason of their religious state or physical condition, are unable to perform any, or all, of the required works. In case of children who have not as yet made their first communion, and who are not prepared to do so, power is given to *dispense* in this condition.

The usual permission is given to penitents, lay and clerical, secular and regular, to select any approved priest as confessor for the Jubilee confession.

In case of nuns, the confessor selected, must be one who is approved for hearing the confessions of nuns.

As every Catholic has the right to make his Jubilee confession to any approved priest of his diocese, it becomes the duty of the clergy to secure to the people the practical exercise of this right, by inviting some of the neighboring priests to help in hearing the Jubilee confessions. It is strongly recommended to the clergy to hold religious exercises on the occasion of the Jubilee in their respective churches, so as to prepare their flocks effectually for the worthy reception of the sacraments. These religious exercises should last for several days, and might consist of Mass at a suitable hour in the morning, and in the evening of the recitation of the Rosary, an appropriate instruction, and Benediction of the Holy Sacrament, which is authorized to be given on those occasions.

In conclusion, we request of the clergy to hold daily devotions in honour of the Holy Mother of God in the principal church in each mission during this month of May specially consecrated to her honour and invocation.

Let old and young join in these salutary devotions so dear to the Catholic heart and so intertwined with the most sacred and purest memories. "This is indeed the Blessed Mary's land," for it was dedicated to her by the Catholic founders of the country, and her holy name was by them given to towns,