

## EXPLANATIONS, &c., CONCERNING JUBILEE.

THE *S. Pœnitentiaria*, by command of Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., confirms and renews for the present Jubilee of 1881 the following declarations, published formerly on occasion of the Jubilee of 1879 :

1. The fast prescribed for gaining this Jubilee can be made in Lent, provided it be not on the days excepted in the Apostolic Letters, and provided also that only fasting diet be used. No indults or privileges respecting the quality of food, even the *Bulla Cruciata*, can be made use of.

2. The Indult granted to Chapters, Congregations and Confraternities, when visiting churches for the purpose of gaining the Jubilee, can be applied by the Bishops to the faithful who accompany such processions, or who go in procession with their parish priest or his deputy.

3. The Paschal precept and the condition enjoined for the Jubilee cannot be fulfilled by one and the same confession and communion.

4. The Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee can be gained as often as the requisite conditions are repeated ; but the other favors accorded to the Jubilee, such as absolutions from censures and reserved cases, commutations or dispensations, are available only once, and that on the first occasion.

5. Chapels and oratories may be specified for the visit if Mass is usually said there, and they are used for public worship.

6. These visits can be made on one or on different days, to the option of the faithful, providing the prescribed number be observed.

7. The solution of doubts published by the *S. Pœnitentiaria* June 1, 1869, for the Bishops of Italy holds good in this Jubilee, without any exception.

The contraries notwithstanding.

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## THE FAST OF THE JUBILEE.

The Sovereign Pontiff prescribes that the Fast of the Jubilee be observed with the food of the Third Fast, commonly called the black fast. This means abstinence from milk, eggs, cheese, lard, etc., and as the indulgence is not granted if the conditions are not observed—even though the mistake be innocent—it will be safe for everyone to observe this abstinence rigorously.

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