

Further, we grant the privilege to all and every one of the faithful of Christ, laics as well as ecclesiastics, seculars and regulars of whatever order and institution even specially to be named, to choose in this behalf any approved priest as confessor, secular as well as regular, which privilege nuns, novices and other women leading a cloistered life may enjoy, provided the confessor be approved for nuns. We confer upon confessors, only for this occasion, and during the time of this Jubilee, all these very faculties which were granted by us in the other Jubilee given through our apostolic letter, dated the 15th of February, in the year 1879, which begins *Pontifices Maximi*, with all the exceptions, however, that were made by us in that letter. And that the salutary results, which we have proposed to ourselves, may be more readily and abundantly drawn from this sacred Jubilee, let all strive earnestly to deserve well of the great Mother of God by special devotion and veneration during that time. We submit this Sacred Jubilee, and commend it to the care and protection of St. Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary's most chaste spouse, whom Pius IX P. M., of glorious memory, declared the patron of the whole church, and we desire that his aid be humbly implored every day by all of Christ's faithful. Furthermore we exhort every one to try to make pilgrimages of devotion to the shrines of the heavenly saints, which were wont to be held venerable and holy, by a peculiar devotion in various places, among which in Italy is the holy house of the Virgin Mary of Loretto, which the remembrance of the loftiest mysteries commends.

Wherefore in virtue of holy obedience we order and command all ordinaries and each of them, their vicars and official representatives, or, these wanting, those who have the care of souls, when they have received copies, either written or printed of this letter, they shall take care that it is published within their jurisdiction, and they shall designate, as previously directed, the church or churches which are to be visited by the people, duly prepared as fast as possible, by the preaching of the Word of God.

And that this letter, which cannot be carried to every place, may be brought to the knowledge of all, let the same faith precisely be put everywhere in copies taken in writing or printed, subscribed by a notary public, and stamped with the seal of some ecclesiastical dignitary, which would be placed on this present letter, if it were exhibited or shown.

Given in Rome at St. Peter's under the Fisherman's Ring, the 12th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 1881, the fourth of our Pontificate.

LEO PP. XIII.