

Plenary Indulgence

For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Francis has decided to grant a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began on November 27, 2016, and will end on November 26, 2017.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must fulfill the following conditions:

1. Fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to confession and communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
2. Pilgrimage to the shrine: the faithful should make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Mother of God.
3. Prayer before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima: the pious faithful will visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October, 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. The visit to the statue of the Virgin does not necessarily have to be only at Fatima or exclusively in Portugal, but can be done anywhere in the world.
4. Application for the elderly and infirm: this applies to people who, because of age, illness, or other serious cause, are unable to get around well. These individuals can pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October, 2017. They also must offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.