

JUBILEE YEAR PLENARY INDULGENCE

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

There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence. To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: Go to confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

- 1. PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE** - The first way is for “the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration or prayer dedicated to the Virgin.”
- 2. PRAYER BEFORE ANY STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** - The second way applies to “the pious faithful who 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, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.”
- 3. APPLICATION FOR THE ELDERLY AND INFIRM** - The third way 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. They also must “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”