

Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough

**Office of the Bishop
DECREE**

The Most Reverend Daniel J. Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough
decrees

PLENARY AND PARTIAL INDULGENCES

in celebration of the 350th anniversary of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Whereas canon 995 §1 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law provides that “In addition to the supreme authority of the Church, only those to whom this power is acknowledged in the law or granted by the Roman Pontiff can bestow indulgences.” and

Whereas eparchial or diocesan bishops ... have the right to enter into pastoral office:

- To grant a **partial indulgence** to all the faithful in their own territory, and outside the territory to the faithful belonging to their jurisdiction;
- To grant **the papal blessing with a plenary indulgence**, according to the prescribed formula, to be imparted in each eparchy or diocese three times a year, on solemn feasts designated by them. This blessing is given at the end of the Mass in place of the usual blessing, according to the norm of each and the Ceremonial Bishops. (*Enchiridion, Manual of Indulgences*) and

Whereas Most Reverend Bishop Benoit Riviere (Bishop of Autun, Châlon-sur-Saône-Mâcon-Cluny, France) has decreed a great Jubilee to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacocque in Paray-le-Monial, France, starting on December 27, 2023, and concluding on June 27, 2025, and

Whereas, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough has the following churches dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

- Sacred Heart Parish, 208 Romaine Street, Peterborough;
- Sacred Heart Parish, 165 Main Street West, Trout Creek; and
- Sacred Heart Mission, 494 Bethesda Road, Baltimore.

Recognizing the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese have a long-standing and rich tradition of faithful devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Therefore, I decree the granting of a partial indulgence to the faithful who fulfill the following obligations:

- a pilgrimage to any of the Sacred Heart churches noted above beginning December 27, 2023, to June 27, 2025, and
- offer the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Further, I decree the granting of a plenary indulgence when the following obligations are observed, noting the conditions entailed herein:

- Attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at one of the Sacred Heart churches noted above on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 7, 2024, and June 27, 2025), and
- make a sacramental confession [within several days of the act], and
- pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

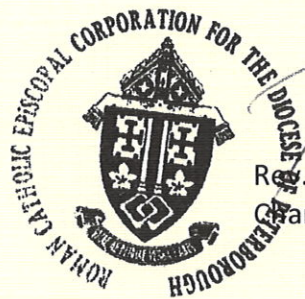
Partial and Plenary Indulgences are granted noting the required observances referenced in Canons 992-997 and the *Enchiridion, Manual of Indulgences*, 26-29 – those observances having been noted above.

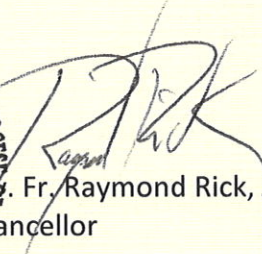
Given at Peterborough, Ontario, this 12th day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two-thousand- and-twenty-three.

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Reverend Fr. Raymond Rick, JCL
Cancellor