



## **Decree on the Granting of Indulgences during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 for Pilgrimages to Churches in the Diocese of Sioux Falls**

*DONALD EDWARD DEGROOD*

By the Grace of God and Favor of the Apostolic See

*BISHOP OF SIOUX FALLS*

**W**hereas our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in the hope of inspiring the faithful as pilgrims of hope, the members of the Church in the Diocese of Sioux Falls will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to a designated sacred place from December 29, 2024 to December 28, 2025.

Whereas the Apostolic Penitentiary has opened the spiritual treasury of the Church by granting a plenary indulgence to those who make a pilgrimage during the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025 to a sacred place designated by the local ordinary and thereby devoutly participate in Holy Mass; or any of the following: a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours; the Way of the Cross; the Marian Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; or a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the Rite of Penance.

Whereas the lawfully erected parishes within the Diocese of Sioux Falls have been configured in Pastorate groupings so as to build a spirit of shared mission in the effort to strengthen Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship through God's Love.

With a view to promote unity among parish members in the Pastorate groupings, now, therefore, I, the undersigned Bishop of Sioux Falls, hereby designate and exhort the faithful in the Diocese of Sioux Falls to make pilgrimages and to perform the devotional acts prescribed by the Apostolic Penitentiary in the following manner:

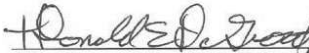
- By devoutly making a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls with the intention of fulfilling the requirements for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.
- By devoutly making a pilgrimage to a parish church within the boundaries of their Pastorate grouping that is not their own parish Church of domicile, with the intention of fulfilling the requirements for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

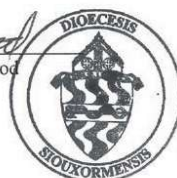
By this decree I also exhort the faithful in the Diocese of Sioux Falls to unite their efforts in shared apostolic activity among the parishes throughout the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 “so that they may all be one” (John 17:21). The faithful are to avail themselves of the other opportunities for obtaining a plenary indulgence in the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 granted by His Holiness Pope Francis, namely:


- By devoutly participating in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father with a devout spirit.
- By devoutly visiting, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people ... ), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.
- By devoutly dedicating themselves to the rediscovery of the penitential nature of Friday through abstaining from futile distractions, from superfluous consumption, as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defense and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries “who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families” (Spes non confundit, 13).

Additionally, I remind the faithful of the necessary conditions for acquiring a plenary indulgence, namely, receiving Holy Communion, sacramentally confessing one’s sins, and praying for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff with the customary Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be, all within several days surrounding the performance of the prescribed works, and having an interior disposition that is free from all affection for sin, even venial sin; however, when one or more of these conditions is lacking, a partial indulgence can be acquired instead, provided that one is in a state of grace at least when completing the prescribed works.

Given at the Catholic Pastoral Center this 25th day of September Two-Thousand and Twenty-Four in the Year of the Lord.

  
Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood  
Bishop of Sioux Falls



  
Mr. Thad A. Pals  
Chancellor