

## PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

## Prot. N. 1283/18/1

## DECREE

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, in order to increase the sanctity of the faithful and the salvation of souls, by the power of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, the Pope by Divine Providence, attentive to the supplications recently brought forth by His Eminence and Most Reverend Daniel N. DiNardo, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Metropolitan Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the Episcopal Conference of the United States of America, kindly grants from the heavenly treasures of the Church a plenary Indulgence, under the normal conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to be gained by the Christian faithful who are truly repentant and compelled by charity, which indeed they are able to apply to the souls of the faithful having been detained in Purgatory by means of suffrage, if they take part in the sacred celebrations, with the great assembly of people, throughout the whole annual event called "March for Life," which will be celebrated on the seventeenth and eighteenth days of January 2019 in the entire Archdiocese of Washington.

The elderly, the sick, and all who are unable leave home for a grave cause likewise will be able to acquire a plenary Indulgence, if they consciously reject all sin and have the intention to fulfill, as soon as possible, the three customary conditions, if they spiritually join themselves to the sacred functions, with their prayers and sorrows or the discomforts of their own lives having been offered to the merciful God.

In order that access to the attainment of this divine favor through the keys of the Church may more easily be obtained for pastoral charity, this Penitentiary diligently requests that Pastors and priests, duly authorized to hear confessions, offer themselves promptly and with a generous spirit for the celebration of Penance.

The present decree is valid only for this occasion, notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the offices of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the twentieth day of the month of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

MAURUS Card. PIACENZA

Paenitentiarius Maior

Regens