

## APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

### Philadelphia of the Latins

#### A DECREE

**granting to Christ's faithful the favor of Indulgences on the occasion of the Eighth World Meeting of Families, to be observed in Philadelphia from 22 to 27 September 2015.**

The Eighth World Meeting of Families, to be observed in Philadelphia, proposes as its theme "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," with the intent that the Church and civil society direct their energies toward the care of the family, and that the love of God, through the power of the Sacrament of Marriage, might be proclaimed to the whole world.

In order that the faithful may be better prepared spiritually to participate in this event, His Holiness Francis willingly grants the gift of Indulgences according to the conditions indicated below, so that, being truly repentant, and motivated by charity, they devote themselves to the sanctification of the family, according to the example set by the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayers for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions) who, with a spirit wholly detached from every sin, and with hearts united to the spiritual ends of the upcoming Year of Mercy, devoutly participate at one of the sacred functions taking place during the Eighth World Meeting of Families, including its solemn conclusion.

The faithful who, being truly repentant, are unable to participate in this event may obtain the Plenary Indulgence, under the same conditions, if, united in spirit and mind with the faithful gathered in Philadelphia, they devoutly recite within their own families the Our Father, the Creed and other prayers for the same intentions, invoking the Divine Mercy, especially when the Holy Father's words or message are broadcast on television and radio.

Furthermore, the Partial Indulgence is granted to the faithful whenever, during the aforementioned time, they pray with at least a contrite heart for the good of families.

The present Decree is valid for this event. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at the Seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, 14 September 2015, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Cardinal Mauro Piacenza  
*Major Penitentiary*

Krzysztof Nykiel  
*Regent*