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Decree

Granting of Indulgences in Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the 800th Anniversary of his Death

Given that The Diocese of Fresno will celebrate with the Universal Church, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, 2026, within the grace of the special Jubilee year proclaimed by the Vicar of Christ, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, and for the spiritual benefit and growth of all the faithful of the Diocese of Fresno, I, the undersigned Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno, in accordance with Article 15 of the Norms established in the Apostolic Constitution, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, hereby, decree the following conditions must both be accomplished for obtaining a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi:

1. Pious Visitation and Participation in the Holy Mass

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must visit and attend Holy Mass at one of the following locations between February 20, 2026, and January 10, 2027:

- St. Francis of Assisi in Bakersfield, California
- St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno, California
- St. Mary Queen of Apostles in Fresno, California
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary in McFarland, California
- St. Francis of Assisi in Mojave, California
- St. Anthony of Padua in Reedley, California
- St. Maximilian Kolbe in Springville, California
- St. Clair in Three Rivers, California
- St. Francis of Assisi in Woodville, California

2. Imitation of the “Poor Man of Assisi” According to One’s Own Possibilities

The faithful must also participate in a reasonable period of time in pious meditation in the Franciscan spirit and raise prayers to God at one of the above-mentioned locations as well as an act of Christian charity and humility towards their neighbors that expresses the spirituality of St. Francis. Saint Francis teaches active and fraternal love especially toward the weakest, the poor, and the marginalized; to live the Gospel concretely rather than merely talking about it. This condition applies within the same time frame from February 20, 2026, through January 10, 2027.



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Additionally, in order to receive the plenary indulgence, the following three conditions must be fulfilled:

- **Sacramental Confession**
- **Eucharistic Communion**
- **Prayer for the Intentions of the Holy Father**

It is further required that the individual be free from any attachment to sin, even venial sin. If this disposition is not fully realized, or if the three prescribed conditions are not met, the indulgence will be partial rather than plenary.

Finally, while the three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after performing the prescribed works, it is fitting that the Sacrament of Communion and the prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father be offered on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed.

Given at the Chancery
Fresno, California, this 20th day of February 2026.

Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan, D.D.
Bishop, Diocese of Fresno

Deacon Mark Schultz
Chancellor / Ecclesiastical Notary

