

INDULGENCES FOR THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

VATICAN CITY, 12 MAY 2009 (VIS) - Pope Benedict XVI will grant priests and the faithful Plenary Indulgences on the occasion of the Year for Priests, which is due to run from *19 June 2009 to 19 June 2010 and has been called in honor of St. John Mary Vianney.*

- **The means to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for all truly penitent Christian faithful are as follows:**
 - in church or chapel, devotedly attend Holy Mass and
 - offer prayers to Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest, for the priests of the Church,
 - **- or** perform any good work to sanctify and mold them to His Heart,

- ***The faithful are granted Plenary Indulgence, on the condition that***
 - they have expiated their sins through **Sacramental Confession**
 - and prayed in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

This may be done on the **opening and closing days of the Year of Priests - 19 June 2009 or 19 June 2010,**

- on 4 Aug 2009, the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Mary Vianney,
 - on the first Thursday of the month, or
 - on any other day established by the ordinaries for the benefit of the faithful.
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- **The elderly, the sick and all those who for any legitimate reason are confined to their homes,** may still obtain Plenary Indulgence if,
 - with the soul completely removed from attachment to any form of sin
 - and with the intention of observing, as soon as possible, these three conditions

(Confession, Holy Communion & prayers for the Pope's Intention),

 - on 4 Aug 2009, the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Mary Vianney,
 - on the first Thursday of the month, or
 - on any other day established by the ordinaries for the benefit of the faithful.
 - "on the days concerned, they pray for the sanctification of priests and offer their sickness and suffering to God through Mary, Queen of the Apostles".
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- **Partial Indulgence is offered to all faithful each time they pray**
 - five Our Fathers
 - five Hail Mary's (Ave Maria) and
 - five Glory Be to Father (Gloria Patri)
 - or any other duly approved prayer

"in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that priests be preserved in purity and holiness of life

Compliments of the LEGION OF MARY. Please pray for our priests.