

## DECREE

*The Apostolic Penitentiary, wishing to increase the piety of the faithful and the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties granted to it in a most special way by His Holiness, Francis, Our Father in Christ and by Divine Providence, Pope, keeping in mind the petitions recently presented by the Rev. Ministers General from the Conference of the Franciscan Family, on the eight hundredth anniversary of the representation of the Creche that St. Francis first set up in Greccio in 1223, drawing from the heavenly treasures of the Church, graciously grants the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to be enjoyed by the repentant faithful moved by Divine love, beginning with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2023, until the solemn day of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2024, which they may apply, by way of suffrage, also for the souls of the faithful still in Purgatory, if they will visit as pilgrims any Franciscan Church throughout the world, in groups or individually, and devoutly participate in the Jubilee rites, or at least stand before the Creche prepared therein, spending a suitable period of time in pious meditations, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi.*

*The elderly, the infirm, and those who for a serious reason cannot leave their homes, will equally be able to gain the Plenary Indulgence with repentance of any sin and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, participating spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations, with the offering of their prayers, pains and the discomforts of their lives to our merciful God.*

*In order that access to divine forgiveness through the Church may succeed more easily, this Penitentiary earnestly begs the priests of the Franciscan Family to lend themselves with a ready and generous spirit to the celebration of Penance.*

*This Decree is valid notwithstanding anything contrary to what is written.*

*Given in Rome, at the Palace of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 14th day of November in the year of our Lord MMXXIII.*