



**Decree on Designating Sacred Places for the Jubilee Indulgence  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**To All the Faithful in Christ,**

The Apostolic Penitentiary, by decree dated May 13, 2024, has graciously granted the faithful the opportunity to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence through pilgrimage and prayer. In response to this, and in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, I, James Francis Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, hereby designate the following sacred places within the Diocese of Metuchen as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- ❖ **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, NJ**
- ❖ **Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, NJ**
- ❖ **National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ**
- ❖ **National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick, NJ**


These sacred spaces have been carefully chosen to reflect the spiritual significance of pilgrimage and to foster deeper conversion and reconciliation among the people of God. The visit is not merely an outward action but a reflection of the soul's pilgrimage toward God, with conversion, reconciliation, and renewal at its heart. Thus, the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- A sincere intention to detach from all sin, even venial sin, and, if necessary, going to confession
- Participating in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year.  
*In some cases, those unable to travel may fulfill the requirements through other means, such as prayers at home.*

The period for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence will coincide with the Jubilee Year, as outlined by the Holy See beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 and will end on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2025.

I encourage all the faithful, during this time of grace, to take the opportunity for sacramental confession, so that the Jubilee Indulgence may be received in the spirit of true reconciliation with God and the Church.

Given this decree at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, New Jersey, on this 8<sup>th</sup> of December, Year of Our Lord, 2024.

  
Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

