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**I. INDULGENCES**

With the exception of that granted in the hour of death (Number 4, Plenary Indulgences), all the indulgences here listed are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

A. The first indulgence granted the Confraternity members was forty days to all who, penitent, confessed their sins at the time set by law, and who engaged in the Confraternity work of giving or receiving Christian Doctrine instructions (Pius V, October 6, 1571).

B. *Plenary Indulgences* (Pius V, Clement XII, Gregory XVII and Pius X, June 6, 1912):

1. To all the faithful on the day that, truly contrite and having confessed and received Holy Communion, they are received into the Archconfraternity;
2. To all and each of the members on the principal feast of the (local) Confraternity;
3. On the following feasts: Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Epiphany, Ascension, Circumcision, Corpus Christi, Assumption and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows (January 14 — titular feast of the church of the Archconfraternity in Rome, Santa Maria del Pianto); feasts of St. Joseph, St. Peter

and St. Paul (June 29), All Saints (November 1), St. Charles Borromeo (November 4), St. Joseph Calasanctius (August 27); on March 2, 1932, Pius XI added St. Robert Bellarmine (May 13);

4. To the members who, at the point of death, having confessed and communicated, or being contrite, invoke orally if they can, or at least in heart, the most Holy Name of Jesus, and accept death from the hands of God as the ransom from sin.

C. *Indulgences of the Stations of Rome*, granted for days on which, in the Roman Missal, the Mass is noted for a Station. They can be gained by members who, on these days, teach or superintend the teaching of Christian Doctrine; these indulgences can also be gained by any of the faithful who assist at the explanation of the Catechism. (On certain days it was customary for the Pope to say Mass at certain Roman churches; these churches were then the Station Churches and the days are still noted in the Missal.) The indulgences of the Roman Stations are:

*Plenary Indulgence* (under the usual conditions):

1. To those who on the day of a Station devoutly visit the church and assist at functions morning or evening, according to the local custom or the instructions of the Pope;
2. If there be no public service in the church, by saying before the Blessed Sacrament the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glóry, five times, adding the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory, three times, before any relics set out for veneration, and the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory at least once for the intention of the Pope.

*Partial Indulgence* of *ten years* to all members who make a visit to the church and recite the prayers above. (Pius XI, April 12, 1932; cfr. *Sacr. Poenit.*, February 25, 1933.)

D. *Partial Indulgences* (Pius X, June 6, 1912):

1. *Ten years* to members, if they leave the city to teach Christian Doctrine in the suburban towns or in the country;
2. *Seven years* if they confess and receive Holy Communion on the day and in the place where a Confraternity is being established; the same once a month if they confess and receive Holy Communion;
3. *Seven years* if, being priests, they give a sermon or a religious instruction in a church or an oratory of the Confraternity;
4. *Seven years* to members if they go about the city to bring men, women and children to religious instruction;
5. *Seven years* if they accompany the Blessed Sacrament when it is borne to the sick;
6. *Three years* to those who accompany to the cemetery or attend the funeral of deceased members, and pray devoutly for the souls of the departed;
7. *Two hundred days* for those who visit sick members; *two hundred days* for those who attend the pious exercises, reunions or processions of the Confraternity, held with the approval of the Bishop;
8. *One hundred days* for those who, in public or in private, explain the Catechism on other than feast days;

9. *Forty days* for members who confess their sins at the time set by law, and who engage in Confraternity work, giving or receiving Catechism instruction.

## II. OTHER PRIVILEGES

1. All priests who became members before the Decree of S. Pen. (March 20, 1933) have the personal privilege of the privileged altar four days of the week for the soul of any of the faithful departed.
2. When a Mass is said by any priest at any altar for the soul of a deceased member of the Confraternity, it has the same efficacy as Mass celebrated at a privileged altar (Pius X, June 6, 1912).
3. Members of the Archconfraternity participate in the spiritual goods of many Religious Orders and Regular Clergy, by concession of their General Superiors (1817-25).

## III. INDULGENCES FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WHO TEACH OR STUDY CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

These indulgences can be gained by members of the Confraternity and are applicable to the souls in Purgatory.

1. *Plenary Indulgence* twice each month, on days to be selected according to their own choice, to all faithful Christians who for about a half hour, and not less than the third part of an hour, shall have done the work of teaching or studying (being taught) Christian Doctrine, provided that, repentant of their sins, and having gone to confession and received Holy Communion, they shall visit some church or public oratory and there pour forth the prayers for Our intention (i. e., that of the Roman Pontiff);

2. *Partial Indulgence* of one hundred days to these same faithful Christians as often as, during the aforesaid space of time (one month), they shall have undertaken the work of teaching and learning Christian Doctrine; to be gained with a heart at least having contrition (*Apostolic Letter*, Pius XI, March 12, 1930);
3. *Partial Indulgences* on every feast of the Blessed Virgin for all the faithful who are wont to assemble in schools and churches to learn Christian Doctrine (Pius IX, July 18, 1877): *seven years* if they have gone to confession and Communion; *three years* if they have gone to confession on those days.

Nihil obstat. Henry J. Zolzer, Censor librorum.

Imprimatur. † Thomas H. McLaughlin, Bishop of Paterson.

