



A JUBILEE YEAR FOR OUR HOLY FOUNDER

Saint Francis de Sales

24 JANUARY - 28 DECEMBER 2022

His Holiness Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year commemorating the 400th anniversary of the death of our Blessed Father, Saint Francis de Sales, the Founder of our Holy Order. This Jubilee concerns mostly the Order of the Visitation, but the graces flowing from it are for all the faithful through a pilgrimage to any Monastery of our Order.

The Year opens on the 24th of January, Feast of the Founder of the Order of the Visitation, and concludes on the 28th of December, marking the 400th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales at the age of 55, in Lyon, France.

The graces of a Plenary Indulgence are granted by the Holy Father to all the faithful who, health and circumstances permitting, attend Holy Mass in any monastery of our Order on any Feast associated with the Jubilee (see below), receive the Sacrament of Penance, pray for the intentions of the Pope and offer a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Sisters of the Visitation of Mobile extend a special welcome to the faithful to attend Holy Mass in our Monastery on the days in which the Plenary Indulgence may be obtained.

January 24

Solemnity of Saint Francis de Sales

May 28, 29, 30

Salesian Triduum at Annecy

May 31

Solemnity of the Visitation

June 24

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

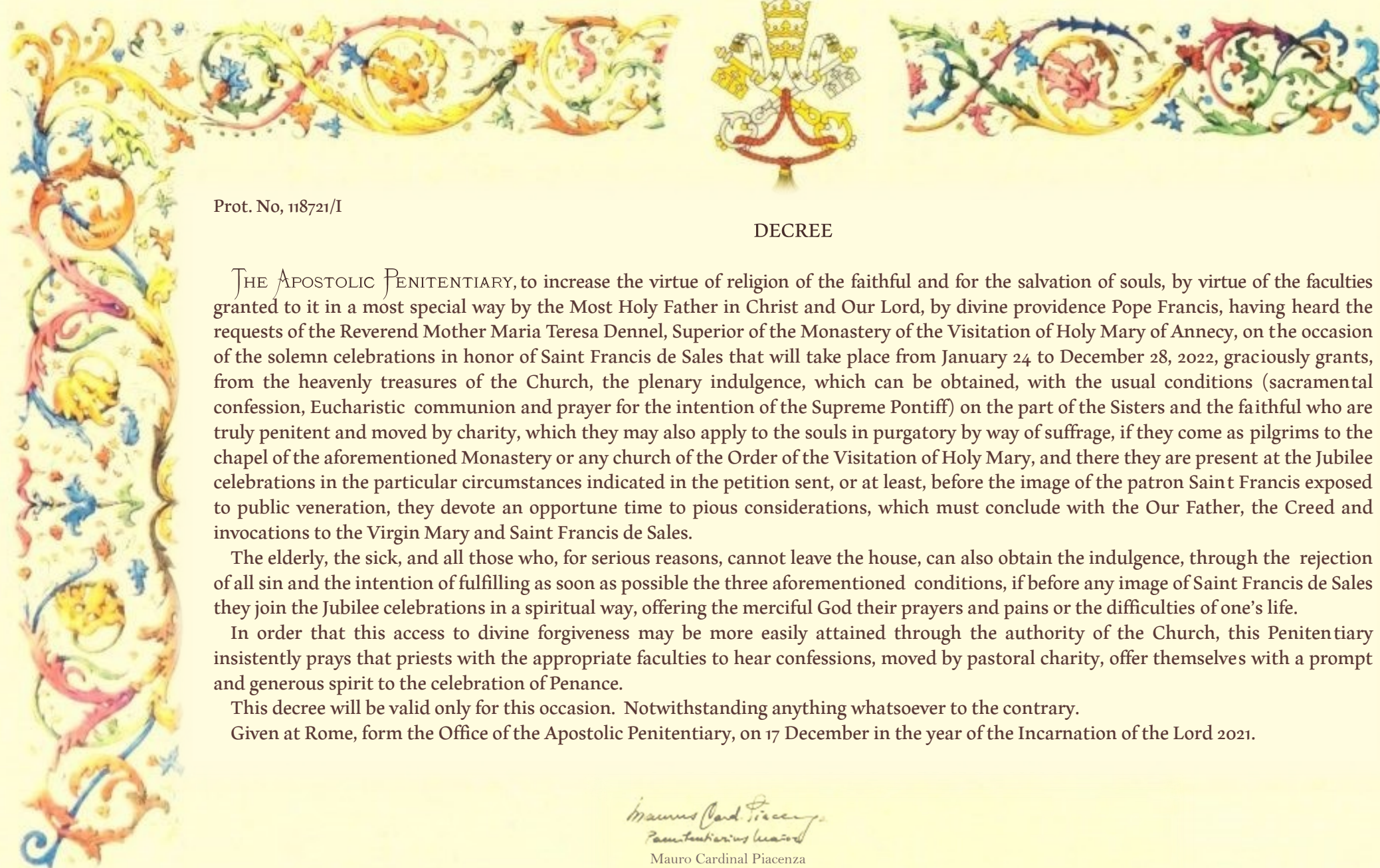
August 12

Solemnity of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

28 December

Solemnity of Saint Francis de Sales

The 400th Anniversary of His Death



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DECREE

THE APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, to increase the virtue of religion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties granted to it in a most special way by the Most Holy Father in Christ and Our Lord, by divine providence Pope Francis, having heard the requests of the Reverend Mother Maria Teresa Denel, Superior of the Monastery of the Visitation of Holy Mary of Annecy, on the occasion of the solemn celebrations in honor of Saint Francis de Sales that will take place from January 24 to December 28, 2022, graciously grants, from the heavenly treasures of the Church, the plenary indulgence, which can be obtained, with the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff) on the part of the Sisters and the faithful who are truly penitent and moved by charity, which they may also apply to the souls in purgatory by way of suffrage, if they come as pilgrims to the chapel of the aforementioned Monastery or any church of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, and there they are present at the Jubilee celebrations in the particular circumstances indicated in the petition sent, or at least, before the image of the patron Saint Francis exposed to public veneration, they devote an opportune time to pious considerations, which must conclude with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Virgin Mary and Saint Francis de Sales.

The elderly, the sick, and all those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave the house, can also obtain the indulgence, through the rejection of all sin and the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three aforementioned conditions, if before any image of Saint Francis de Sales they join the Jubilee celebrations in a spiritual way, offering the merciful God their prayers and pains or the difficulties of one's life.

In order that this access to divine forgiveness may be more easily attained through the authority of the Church, this Penitentiary insistently prays that priests with the appropriate faculties to hear confessions, moved by pastoral charity, offer themselves with a prompt and generous spirit to the celebration of Penance.

This decree will be valid only for this occasion. Notwithstanding anything whatsoever to the contrary.

Given at Rome, from the Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 17 December in the year of the Incarnation of the Lord 2021.

Mauro Cardinal Piacenza
Major Penitentiary

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WORDS OF WISDOM
from Saint Francis de Sales

“Let us think only of spending the present day well. Then, when tomorrow shall have come, it will be called today, and then we will think about it.”

“Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.”

“Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.”

“Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.”

“When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.”

“It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially.”

“God requires a faithful fulfillment of the merest trifle given us to do, rather than the most ardent aspiration to things to which we are not called.”