



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**DECREE**  
**Plenary Indulgence (Prot. N 16/21/I)**

The Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence to pilgrims attending sacred ceremonies in the course of the annual “March for Life” events in Washington, D.C. for the year 2021. Due to grave reasons limiting in-person attendance imposed by age, sickness, as well as the on-going pandemic, joining oneself spiritually to these ceremonies in *virtual* participation (television, radio, on-line, and social media) will meet the attendance requirement.

The specific events to which the **plenary indulgence** applies are:\*

**National Prayer Vigil for Life**

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Thursday, January 28, 2021 8:00-11:00 p.m.

**Mass for Life**

Cathedral of Saint Matthew  
Friday, January 29, 2021 8:00-9:00 a.m.

This decree given at Rome. A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment for sin and may be applied to oneself or the Holy Souls in Purgatory. In addition to **detachment from all sin**, the following customary conditions also need to be fulfilled:

1. **Sacramental Confession** (as soon as one is able within 20 days)
2. **Eucharistic Communion** (as soon as one is able within 20 days)
3. **Prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff** (as soon as possible within 20 days)

This decree given in Rome on January 13, 2021 is valid only for this event covering January 28-29, 2021.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

**\*Catholic Faith Network** will provide coverage of these event.