



THE MOST REVEREND ERIK T. POHLMEIER  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE  
BISHOP OF ST. AUGUSTINE

## Decree on Designating Sacred Places for the Jubilee Indulgence

To the Faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine,

Greetings to you this Jubilee Year recognizing the eighth centenary of the happy passing of Saint Francis of Assisi from earthly life to his heavenly homeland! His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established that, from 10 January 2026 until 10 January 2027, a special Year of Saint Francis shall be celebrated, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace.

This Year of Saint Francis is an opportunity for us all to transform the hope received in the Holy Year that has just passed, into the zeal and fervor of active charity within our Diocese.

As a spiritual aid to our becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace, I, Erik T. Pohlmeier, Bishop of St. Augustine, hereby designate the following sacred places within the Diocese of St. Augustine as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee of Saint Francis Indulgence:

- Sacred Heart Church, Fleming Island
- National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at the Mission Nombre de Dios, St. Augustine
- St. Francis Mission, Yulee
- St. Michael Church, Fernandina Beach
- Holy Faith Church, Gainesville
- Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, High Springs
- San Sebastian Church, St. Augustine

These sacred places have been chosen because of their connection to the Franciscan family and their spiritual importance within our Diocese. In making a pilgrimage or

pious visit to these sacred places, the faithful may gain the Plenary Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion (at least within 7 days before or after the visit).
- A sincere detachment from sin, including making a Sacramental Confession (at least within 7 days before or after the visit).
- Prayer for the intentions of our Holy Father Pope Leo.
- Spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God so that, following the example of Saint Francis, feelings of Christian charity towards their neighbors and authentic vows of harmony and peace among peoples may spring forth in their hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family.

The elderly, the sick and those who take care of them, and all those who are unable to leave their homes for serious reasons may also obtain a Plenary Indulgence, provided they detach themselves from any sin and intend to fulfil the three usual conditions as soon as possible, if they unite themselves spiritually to the jubilee celebrations of the Year of Saint Francis, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, the pains or sufferings of their lives.

Given at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine, this Ash Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two-thousand twenty-six.



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