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Decree for Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the Second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

DECREE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and to procure the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties attributed to it by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, accepting the request presented by His Eminence Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, on the occasion of the Second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, already instituted by the Supreme Pontiff on the fourth Sunday of July, graciously grants from the heavenly treasures of the Church the Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer in accordance with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate on 24 July 2022, on the occasion of the Second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, in the solemn celebration that the Holy Father Francis will preside over in the Vatican Papal Basilica, or in the various functions that will be held throughout the world, an Indulgence that may also be applied for the repose of souls in Purgatory.

This Court of Mercy will also grant the Plenary Indulgence on this same day to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled).

The Plenary Indulgence may also be granted, provided that they remove themselves from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling the three usual conditions as soon as possible, to the sick elderly and to all those who, unable to leave their homes for a serious reason, will unite spiritually with the sacred services of World Youth Day, offering to the Merciful God their prayers, and the pains and sufferings of their lives, especially while the words of the Supreme Pontiff and the various celebrations are broadcast through the media.

In order, therefore, that this opportunity to attain divine grace through the power of the Keys of the Church may be more easily realized through pastoral charity, this Penitentiary firmly requests priests, equipped with the appropriate faculties to hear confessions, to make themselves available with a ready and generous spirit for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

This decree is valid for the Second World Day of the Grandparents and the Elderly. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at the Seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 30 May 2022.

Mauro Card. Piacenza

Major Penitentiary

Krzysztof Nykiel

Regent
