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TO ALL PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS AND THE LAY FAITHFUL IN THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF IJEBU-ODE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

HOW TO RECEIVE PLENARY INDULGENCES IN IJEBU-ODE DIOCESE DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE (Dec 24, 2024 – Jan 6, 2026)

The Holy See issued a decree on May 13, 2024, outlining the many ways that Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year. "A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

According to the decree, "those who make a pilgrimage to Rome during the 2025 Jubilee Year can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting at least one of the four major papal basilicas namely, St. Peter's Basilica, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, or the Church of St. Paul outside the Walls.

For those who cannot go on pilgrimage or make a visit to Rome, Plenary Indulgence can be obtained by visiting some designated Sacred Places within a Particular Church (Arch/Diocese).

For Catholics in Ijebu-Ode Diocese;

A. The faithful can gain a plenary indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to the following designated churches in the Diocese for Prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

1. **St. Sabastian Cathedral, Odo-Egbo, Ijebu-Ode**
2. **St. Anthony Catholic Church, Ayegbami, Sagamu**
3. **St. Peter Catholic Church, Ijebu-Igbo**
4. **Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Esure**

B. The faithful can also gain a plenary indulgence by making Pious visits to the following designated Sacred places in the Diocese for prayers and devotions:

1. **Ave Maria Pilgrimage Center** at Iwopin in Ogbere Deanery.
2. **Our Mother Co-Redemptix Shrine** at City of Immaculate, Ayepe Road, Sagamu in Sagamu Deanery.
3. **Our Lady Undoer of Knots Shrine** beside Missionary Society of St. Paul Formation House, MSP in Iperu Deanery.
4. **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto** at Abbe Louis Bautain Retreat Centre, St. Louis Convent, Itele in Esure Deanery
5. **Our Lady of Light Grotto** at St. Mary Catholic Eye Hospital, Ago-Iwoye in Ijebu Igbo Deanery
6. **Our Lady of Fatima Grotto** at St. Mary Catholic Church, Ogijo in Ogijo deanery.
7. **Immaculate Conception Grotto** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Iloti in Iloti Deanery.
8. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grotto** at St. Anthony Catholic Church Ejirin Road in Ijebu-Ode Deanery.

NB: A pious visit includes spending a "suitable" amount of time during a prayerful visit in Eucharistic adoration either in exposition or before the tabernacle, meditation and concluding with praying for the intention of the Holy Father.

We will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, we participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

Pastors and Priests-in-charge are to educate the faithful on the meaning and importance of obtaining indulgences for the salvation of humankind.

I wish you all a spirit-filled Jubilee Year.

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