



APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

Prot. N. 936/15/1

DECREE

For increasing the religious practice of the faithful and for the salvation of souls, the APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, by the power of the faculties granted to it by the Supreme Pontiff, Francis, Pope by Divine Providence, having considered the petition of the twenty second of August of this year presented by Reverend Carlos Martins, CC, the coordinator of the Pilgrimage of the Relics of St. John Berchmans named "The Heart of Love: The Return of St. John Berchmans" to be venerated in the United States of America on the occasion of its 150th anniversary in which, in the state of Louisiana, St. John Berchmans appeared and healed Mary Wilson, a novice from the Society of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who a little while before had been strengthened with Holy Viaticum, benevolently grants a *Plenary Indulgence* under the usual fulfilled conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to be obtained by all faithful Christians truly penitent, who present themselves before the sacred reliquary, in the dioceses of the United States of America during the holy pilgrimage, opened to all, next month, from December 6-20.

Thus, the pilgrims will be encouraged to transfer the supernatural virtues, especially of faith, hope and charity, more and more, into the action of their lives, and they will solidify their union with the Roman Pontiff, the visible foundation of the unity of the whole Catholic Church.

The present document will have validity for this occasion, notwithstanding anything whatsoever to the contrary. Given in Rome, from the building of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the ninth day of November in the year of the Lord's Incarnation 2016.

Mauro Cardinal Piacenza

Major Penitentiary

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Regent