



## APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

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Robert Schieler, Superior General of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, expresses to His Holiness feelings of fidelity and veneration, and humbly states:

On April 7, 1719 in Rouen, Normandy, France, San Juan Bautista de La Salle went to heaven. He was loved by the people for his special attention to the human and Christian formation of children and for the foundation of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools; for these works he had to undergo many trials. On February 19, 1888, Pope Leo XIII declared him Blessed and on May 24, 1900 he inscribed him in the catalog of the Saints. On May 15, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared him Heavenly Patron before God of all the educators of young people.

In order to appropriately celebrate his three times centennial memory, from November 17, 2018, anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary of St. John Baptist de La Salle in the Generalate of Rome, and until December 31, 2019, sacred functions and various spiritual activities will be held in the sanctuary previously named. In other Lasallian places there will also be celebrations and other initiatives whose main objective is that the Brothers of the Christian Schools and other pious faithful, in particular teachers, students and parents, through the mediation of the Founder's holy life and the invocation of his intercession, they may obtain an increase of faith, of hope, and of charity, as well as filial love and obedience to His Holiness, Vicar of Christ on earth. In order that these spiritual fruits may be more abundant, the undersigned implore with confidence the gift of granting an Indulgence in the form of Jubilee. And God, etc ...

### **4 April 2018**

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, following the mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, grants the Jubilee Year in honor of Saint John Baptist de la Salle with a plenary Indulgence attached with the ordinary conditions (sacramental confession, communion and prayer for the Pope). This indulgence can be obtained, once a day and applicable to the suffrage of the souls in Purgatory, by the faithful who in a spirit of penance and Christian charity:

- a) participate fully in pre-established ritual celebrations;
- b) make a pilgrimage to the Lasallian places (Rome, "Brouillet", Grenoble, Laon, Paris, Our Lady of Liesse, Reims, Rouen, Parmenie) or devoutly visit a place where there is an altar or a relic, a statue or an effigy of St. John Baptist de la Salle and participate with devotion in a sacred function, in the prayer of the canonical hours, in

another pious exercise, or meditate for a congruent period of time that concludes with our Father, the Creed, the invocation to the Virgin and to Saint John Baptist de la Salle.

The elderly, the sick, and all those who are not in condition to leave their homes for a serious reason, can also obtain the plenary Indulgence if, away from any inclination of sin, they meet the three usual conditions and spiritually join the jubilee celebrations offering their prayers and sufferings to God and imploring his mercy.

A partial Indulgence is also granted during the Lasallian year to all the faithful who, with a contrite heart and following the example of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, engage in works of charity or piety, at the service of children and young people who have material, educational and spiritual difficulties.

In order that the access to the divine pardon, derived from the power of the Keys of the Church, be facilitated by pastoral charity, this Penitentiary asks the priests who serve in the chapels, in the houses and in the schools, that they make themselves available with a prompt and generous heart to the frequent celebration of penance, and that they bring Holy Communion to the sick.

What has been established will be valid for the entire Lasallian Jubilee Year.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary.

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*Major Penitentiary*

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