

## PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE 900<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORBERTINE ORDER

Most Holy Father,

**Jos Wouters, Abbot General of the Premonstratensian Order**, expressing his own sentiments of devotion toward Your Holiness, as well as those of the whole Premonstratensian family, reverently expounds the following:

Saint Norbert, who while being austere in his manner of life and utterly devoted to union with God and the preaching of the gospel, established with thirteen confreres the Order of Canons Regular of Premontre in a remote place, called Praemonstratum, near Laon in Gaul, on the very night of the Nativity of the Lord, in the year 1121, which order was marvelously propagated under the rule of Saint Augustine. **That this nine hundredth anniversary may be worthily celebrated**, there will take place in the individual churches committed to the pastoral care of the Canons Regular of Premontre solemn rites and religious observances **from the twenty-ninth day of November in the year 2020 through the ninth of January in the year 2022**. And so the Most Reverend petitioner humbly asks as a Jubilee, the gift of indulgences whereby the members of the Premonstratensian family and other devout faithful may have more widely opened to them the divine generosity and so to draw therefrom more abundant spiritual fruits, and may God grant...etc.

The thirtieth day of October 2020

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY by order of Our Most Holy Lord Pope Francis, **freely grants a plenary indulgence** to be gained as a Jubilee under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the Canons Regular of Premontre and **all other Christian faithful**, being truly penitent and moved by charity **if they shall visit the jubilee churches and oratories as a pilgrimage**, and **there assist at the sacred functions duly determined, or at least for a suitable period of time** shall pour forth humble prayers for the conversion of sinners, for obtaining priestly and religious vocations, and for defending the state of the human family, these prayers to be concluded with the Lord's Prayer, the Symbol of Faith, and invocations of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Norbert.

The members of the Order of Premontre who by reason of infirmity or other grave causes may be impeded from being present at these celebrations, will be capable of gaining the plenary indulgence if, having conceived a complete detestation of any sin, and with the intention of fulfilling, when it shall be possible, the three usual conditions, accomplish a visit by a spiritual desire of the heart, and offer to the Merciful God through Mary the sicknesses and inconveniences of their own lives, having added the prayers as above. Additionally, therefore, that the access to divine pardon to be obtained through the keys of the Church may be made easier by pastoral charity, this Penitentiary earnestly asks that the Canons Regular of Premontre offer themselves with a generous spirit to the celebration of Penance, and frequently administer Holy Communion to the infirm.

**All this shall obtain during the whole time of the Jubilee year**, everything to the contrary notwithstanding.

+Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, *Major Penitentiary*

Christoph Nykiel, *Regent*