



**Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse
Office of the Bishop**

DECREE

**DESIGNATING JUBILEE SITES WITHIN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WHITEHORSE
FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR**

On May 9th, 2024, His Holiness Pope Francis declared an Ordinary Jubilee for 2025 with the Bull *Spes non confundit*.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse is pleased to announce its joyful participation in the Jubilee Year by designating Jubilee Sites within its territory.

Therefore, I, the Bishop of Whitehorse, hereby declare the Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Whitehorse for the 2025 Jubilee Year to be:

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

St. Mary, Dawson City, Yukon Territory

St. Ann, Watson Lake, Yukon Territory

Our Lady of Sorrows, Fort Nelson, British Columbia

During the Jubilee Year, which runs from Sunday, December 29th, 2024 to Sunday, December 28th, 2025 in the particular churches, visitors to these Jubilee Sites may gain a **Plenary Indulgence** according to the norms of law. A plenary indulgence is the total remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt is already forgiven, which a properly disposed member of the Christian faithful gains under certain and defined conditions.

All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls of Purgatory in the following ways: (*in reference to the Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Whitehorse.*)

Pilgrimages

If a member of the faithful makes a pilgrimage to one of the above-mentioned Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Whitehorse, they may gain the Jubilee Indulgence by devoutly participating in Holy Mass at the site, or by taking part in a Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer), the Via Crucis, the Rosary, the recitation of the Akathist Hymn, or a penitential service that includes individual confessions.

Pious Visits to Sacred Places

If a member of the faithful makes a pious visit to one of the above-mentioned Jubilee Sites of the Diocese of Whitehorse, they can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee Site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.

A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of a day. However, the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day during a Eucharistic celebration, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased.

The faithful who are truly repentant of sin who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons (especially the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same condition if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, (especially when the words of the Supreme Pontiff or the diocesan Bishop are transmitted through various means of communication), they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined (prison, nursing home, hospital...) offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

The general norms for gaining a Plenary Indulgence are as follows:

- ❖ Any member of the faithful can gain plenary indulgences for oneself or apply them to the dead by way of suffrage.
- ❖ To be capable of gaining indulgences, a person must be baptized, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace at least at the end of the prescribed works.
- ❖ To gain indulgences, a capable subject must have at least the general intention of acquiring them.
- ❖ The person must receive sacramental confession several days before or after visiting the Jubilee Site.
- ❖ The person should receive Eucharistic Communion on the same day as the visit to the Jubilee Site. However, this may be fulfilled several days before or after the visit.
- ❖ The person should pray for the intention of the Holy Father on the same day as the visit to the Jubilee Site. However, this may be fulfilled several days before or after the visit. The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention.

A member of the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence by participating in Works of Mercy and Penance. The information regarding the conditions for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence can be found in the Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 Called by His Holiness Pope Francis, the Code of Canon Law [992-997], the Catechism of the Catholic Church [1471], and the Manual of Indulgences [1999-USCB].

This decree is valid for the entire Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 and is to be made known to the faithful of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse by way of the Diocesan website and Public Memo sent to all the parishes and missions of the territory.

Given at the St Kateri Pastoral Center (Chancery), Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, on this 19th Day of November in the year of Our Lord 2024.



Most Rev. Héctor Vila
Bishop of Whitehorse



Rev. Father Leo Llamas
Chancellor

