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To commemorate the Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi (10 January 2026 – 10 January 2027). In conformity with the will of the Supreme Pontiff, the Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a Decree granting a plenary indulgence to the faithful (also applicable in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory) who, during the Special Jubilee Year, fulfil the basic conditions laid down under Sections A and B below:

A. Basic Conditions:

A spirit detached from any sin, sacramental confession (within three weeks either before or after the performance of one of the works listed under Section B), Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions (may be satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

B. Performance of one of the following works:

1. Pilgrimages:

Pilgrimage to a designated place and there devoutly following the Jubilee rites or spending at least a suitable period of time in pious meditation and, in imitation of St. Francis, praying to God so as to arouse in one's own heart sentiments of Christian charity towards one's neighbours and an authentic desire for harmony and peace among peoples, and concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare and all the saints of the Franciscan Family.

1.1 Local Franciscan (OFM) conventual churches or chapels:

- i. St. Bonaventure Church (89 Po Kong Village Road, Tsz Wan Shan, Kowloon)
- ii. Franciscan House (133 Waterloo Road, Kowloon)
- iii. Prayer room at "La Verna" (99 Lai Chi Kok Road, Kowloon)
- iv. Chapel at the convent of Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels (MNDA) (3-6 Prospect Place, Bonham Road, Hong Kong)
- v. Chapel at the convent of Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) (104 Boundary Street, Kowloon)
- vi. Chapel at the convent of Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows (OSF) (27-29 Man Lai Road, Shatin, New Territories)
- vii. Chapel at the convent of Order of St. Clare (OSC) (Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island North)

OR 1.2 Local places of worship named after St. Francis:

- i. St. Francis of Assisi Church (58 Shek Kip Mei Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon)
- ii. St. Francis Church (11 Hang Kwong Street, Ma On Shan, New Territories)
- iii. Ss. Francis Chapel, St. Francis University (2 Chui Ling Lane, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories)

2. The faithful who for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and healthcare workers who have to provide continuous service) are unable to leave their homes, can obtain the Plenary Indulgence, provided that they are detached from any sin and intend to fulfill the basic conditions as soon as possible, if they join spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations of the Year of St. Francis, offering their prayers and the pains or sufferings of their lives to the Merciful God.