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# Indulgences Granted by the Holy See

Family members of the faithful of Opus Dei and of priests of the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross can gain an indulgence granted by the Holy Father.

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**Update:** In 2022, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See announced that the indulgences that members of the Work and their families can gain on these dates are granted in perpetuity. Until now, they

were renewed every seven years.  
You can read the decree [here](#).

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*Translation of the Latin decree sent by  
the Penitentiary.*

APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

Prot. 682/07/1

Most Holy Father:

Javier Echevarría Rodríguez, Prelate  
of the Personal Prelature of the Holy  
Cross and Opus Dei, with due  
obedience and filial veneration for  
His Holiness, humbly requests that  
His Holiness grant the following  
indulgences:

I. For those who take part in the  
liturgical celebrations that the  
Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus  
Dei and the Priestly Society of the

Holy Cross ordinarily organizes for the spiritual good of the families of the faithful and members, during the Triduum before the solemnity of the Birth of our Lord and for the Easter Triduum:

a. *Plenary indulgence*, when, fulfilling the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Roman Pontiff) and with a spirit of true penance, they take part in all the celebrations of the Triduum;

b. *Partial indulgence*, when, on some of the days of the Triduum, they penitently participate in the sacred services.

**II.** For parents, brothers and sisters of the faithful of the Prelature and of the members of the Priestly Society, as well as for the spouses and sons and daughters of the Supernumerary faithful: *Plenary indulgence*, when, fulfilling the usual conditions, and

with a spirit of true penance, they participate in a sacred service on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

And God, etc.

14 May 2008

The Apostolic Penitentiary, by mandate of the Supreme Pontiff, gladly accedes to this request *for seven years*. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Cardinal James Francis Stafford

*Major Penitentiary*

† Gianfranco Girotti, O.F.M. Conv.

*Titular Bishop of Meta Regent [Link to original document in Latin \(pdf\)](#).*

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