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Plenary Indulgence in the World Meeting of Families in Valencia, July 1 - 9

Benedict XVI concedes Plenary Indulgence to those faithful who participate in the World Meeting of Families in Valencia, and the Holy Father himself will attend the closing ceremony.

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For the occasion of the Fifth World Meeting of Families, due to be held in

Valencia, Spain from July 1 to 9, Benedict XVI will concede Plenary Indulgence to those faithful who participate in any of the associated celebrations and in the closing ceremony, according to a Decree from the Apostolic Penitentiary made public yesterday afternoon by Cardinal James Francis Strafford.

The indulgence, which implies the forgiveness of all one's sins, would be granted to all the many people who would come together in Valencia to "participate enthusiastically and dutifully in the various initiatives and liturgical celebrations taking place there in favor of the family, and that, having returned to their own homes fortified by the grace of God, they may dedicate themselves generously to moulding their own families and those of their neighbors to the holy rules of the Gospel."

The decree adds that Benedict XVI desires that this meeting would promote a profound reflection on the theme chosen for this occasion: **“The family, seat of life and of love, domestic church in which parents transmit to children the priceless gift of faith.”**

Plenary indulgence can be obtained by the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer in keeping with the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, with the soul completely removed from attachment to any form of sin), if they participate in any of the solemn functions held in Valencia during the Fifth World Meeting of Families, and in the solemn closing ceremony.

All other faithful who are unable to participate in that event, may obtain the same gift of Plenary Indulgence, under the same conditions, over the

days the meeting is held and on its closing day if, united in spirit and thought with the faithful present in Valencia, they recite in the family the 'Our Father,' the 'Creed,' and other devout prayers calling on Divine Mercy to concede the above-mentioned aims.

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