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## DECREE

### Establishing Celebrations for Obtaining Plenary Indulgences during the Year for Priests in the Diocese of Columbus

The Universal Church is celebrating a special Year for Priests on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars. During this Year for Priests indulgences have been made available to priests throughout the year, as established in the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary of the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009.


Within the above referenced decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, it has also been established that all of the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence on June 19, 2009 and 2010 as well as each first Thursday of the month during the Year for Priests. As regards these first Thursday celebrations, in accord with # 373 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, I hereby declare and establish that on those dates when there is not a feast day or obligatory memorial, the following Masses are to be celebrated throughout the Diocese of Columbus: *Votive Mass of Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest* on July 2, 2009 and November 5, 2009; *Memorial Mass of St. John Vianney, Universal Patron of Priests* on February 4, 2010 and May 6, 2010. It is to be noted that Holy Thursday in the year 2010 falls on the first Thursday of April, an eminently appropriate day for obtaining a plenary indulgence during this year for priests.

In addition to these dates, in accord with the authority granted to me by the above described Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary I hereby declare and establish that all the faithful of the Diocese of Columbus who participate in the Chrism Mass and Priesthood Ordination Mass during the Year for Priests may obtain the plenary indulgence, provided that the other requirements for obtaining the indulgence established in the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary are met.

Given at the Chancery on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.



Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D. D., Ph.D



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