



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Plenary Indulgence (Prot. N. 1285/21/I)

The Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence to pilgrims attending sacred ceremonies in the course of the annual “March for Life” events in Washington, D.C. for the year 2022. For the aged, infirm, and those who cannot for grave reasons be present in person, the attendance requirement may be met by those who join themselves spiritually to these ceremonies in *virtual* participation (television, radio, on-line, and social media).

The specific events to which the **plenary indulgence** applies are:*

National Prayer Vigil for Life

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, January 20, 2022
5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Closing Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life

The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle
Friday, January 21, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

This decree given at Rome. A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment for sin and may be applied to oneself or the Holy Souls in Purgatory. In addition to **detachment from all sin**, the following customary conditions also need to be fulfilled:

1. **Sacramental Confession** (as soon as one is able within 20 days)
2. **Eucharistic Communion** (as soon as one is able within 20 days)
3. **Prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff** (as soon as possible within 20 days)

This decree given in Rome on December 11, 2021 is valid only for this event covering January 20-21, 2022.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

*Broadcast on **Catholic Faith Network** and livestreamed on www.nationalshrine.org/mass.