



## DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers in Christ,

During this year of Saint Paul marking the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Holy Apostle, Pope Benedict XVI has granted a plenary indulgence to the faithful who fulfill the required conditions. The sacred places I have designated in the Diocese of Bridgeport to receive plenary indulgence, include the only Parish dedicated to Saint Paul (Greenwich) and the Adoration Chapels listed below:

- **Saint Paul Parish, Greenwich**
  - **Saint John Fisher Seminary Residence, Stamford**  
Monday to Thursday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.;  
Fridays the chapel opens at 6 a.m. and remains open until Sunday at 11 p.m.
  - **Saint Mary Parish, Ridgefield**  
Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days
  - **Saint Mark Parish, Stratford**  
Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days
  - **Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Brookfield**  
Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days
  - **Saint James Parish, Stratford**  
Monday to Friday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
  - **Saint Theresa, Trumbull**  
Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
  - **Saint Andrew Parish, Bridgeport**  
Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- (If any parish has an Adoration Chapel that is open daily, not listed above, please let us know)

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1471): “An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.”

All the baptized, in the state of grace, can gain indulgences for oneself and for the deceased, by making a prayerful visit to St. Paul Church or one of the Adoration Chapels of the above mentioned sacred places. In addition, they need to fulfill three conditions, namely: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and offering prayers for the Supreme Pontiff's intentions. The three conditions can be fulfilled several days before or after the visit to the sacred places, but it is proper that the communion and the prayer for the Holy Father be done on the same day. Note that several plenary indulgences can be gained by a single sacramental confession, but only one is gained by a single Eucharistic Communion and a single prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. All of this should be done in a spirit of total detachment from any inclination to sin. Also, please remind the faithful that a plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.<sup>1</sup>

Please make this announcement and publish this list at your parish so your parishioners are aware of where they can receive plenary indulgences during this Pauline Year. Grateful to your assistance, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori  
Bishop of Bridgeport

<sup>1</sup> *ENCHIRIDION INDULGENTIARUM: From the Apostolic Penitentiary (1968)*