



## Minute of Mercy

### INDULGENCES REMINDER

*Taken from a pamphlet from the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham:*

*As we approach the end of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, we hope all have given time to perform our special indulgence for this extraordinary year Holy Mother Church has offered. First, let's begin with sin and punishment. When any sin, be it mortal or venial there comes a temporal punishment attached. This is because every sin we commit offends God's justice and damages the Body of Christ. Therefore, some sort of reparation must be made for these sins. If we die before we make reparation, it will be purged in Purgatory prior to our entry into Heaven. On earth, this punishment can be remitted by the penance assigned in the Sacrament of Confession. Ex: If one destroys another's car, they are forgiven but the damage to the car still has to be paid. This is a manifestation of God's justice. Sometimes we need more than penance given to us in Confession especially if we do not confess all of our venial sins. So another way to have the temporal punishment remitted is by an indulgence, granted through the power of the Church, of the graces of Christ and the merits of the saints for the remission of temporal punishment due to our sinful acts.*

*This most special Jubilee Year ends on November 20, 2016, Feast of Christ the King. So if you have not gotten around to fulfilling all requirements for a plenary indulgence, it's not too late.*

*Please visit the Year of Mercy table for a copy of the full pamphlet, where you will also find a Holy Year Prayer, quotes from Pope Francis, the five steps for plenary indulgence and even more ways to enhance your experience of receiving the indulgence.*

### Mercy in Action

*This week's Mercy in Action is for all of St. Peter Parish to familiarize yourself again with the requirements of obtaining a plenary indulgence during the remainder of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The year is coming to a close on November 20. See the bulletin for details on an upcoming trip to the Holy Doors in New Orleans.*