

150th Anniversary

Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark are invited to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes which will occur on February 11, 2008.

Those who pray before an image of Our Lady of Lourdes exposed for public veneration in any church or appropriate place between February 2, 2008 and February 11, 2008, having fulfilled certain conditions, will have the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence.



Plenary Indulgence

A Plenary Indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions (i.e. sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) between February 2 and 11, 2008 if, before an image of Our Lady of Lourdes set up for public veneration, one:

Participates in a Marian Devotion *or* at least pauses in prayer and meditation for an appropriate period of time, and

Concludes with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer,
The Profession of Faith (i.e. Creed) and
An Invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Hail Mary

*O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.*

Elderly and Infirm

The elderly, infirm and homebound may receive the plenary indulgence if they join themselves in the desire of the heart to those [making a pilgrimage] ...and they devoutly recite before an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Our Father, the Creed, and any Marian prayer.

The Lourdes Hymn

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim.
On earth we, your children, invoke your fair name.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for the Church, our true Mother on earth,
And beg you to watch over the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

Evening Prayer at the Cathedral Basilica

An archdiocesan observance
will take place in the

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark,
February 11, 2008, at 7:30 pm

with the celebration of Evening Prayer
and the opportunity to gain the indulgence.