EOHSJ Indulgences

Plenary Indulgences

There are many different means by which a Catholic may gain a plenary [ndulgence. For a complete list of general grants, see the *Manual of Indulgences*. 24 However, deserving of special mention are the grants pertaining to those works by anyone of which the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence each day of the year:

- 1. Devout recitation of the Marian Rosary in a church, a family, a religious community, an association of the faithful (for example, the EOHSJ), or in general when several of the faithful join together for some honest purpose. (Grant 17.1)
- 2. Visit the Blessed Sacrament for adoration lasting at least a half hour. (Grant 7.1)
- 3. Spending at least one half hour reading Sacred Scripture, as spiritual reading, with the veneration due to the Word of God. (Grant 30)
- 4. Making the Way of the Cross. This includes walking from Station to Station. (At a publicly held Station, if this cannot be done in an orderly way, at least the leader must move from Station to Station.) No specific prayers are required, but devout meditation on the Passion and Death of Our Lord is required (not necessarily on the individual Stations.) (Grant 13.2)

Special Indulgences

In addition to these general grants, religious orders have often received special indulgence grants. On September 23, 1967, the following was granted to the EOHSJ by the Apostolic Constitution whereby the revision of Sacred Indulgences was promulgated":

The Holy Penitentiary, by special and express Apostolic Authority, benignly grants Plenary Indulgences to be acquired by Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem with the usual conditions being fulfilled, that is, confession, communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, provided that they make or renew, at least privately the promise of faithfully observing the statutes of their association at the following times:

On the Day of Investiture On the Feasts of: St. Helena (August 18) St. Pi us X (August 21) The Triumph of the Holy Cross (Sept 14) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine (last Sunday in October)

This is granted at present with the force of "in Perpetuum" in the form of a brief without sending any other Apostolic Letters.