

The conditions to obtain the Plenary Indulgence of the Forgiveness of Assisi (*for benefit of the Poor Souls in Purgatory*) is as follows:

- The Portiuncula Indulgence is a grace not to be missed—for the many suffering souls in Purgatory.
- ... Sacramental Confession to be in God's grace (during eight days before or after.)
 - ... Participation in the Holy Mass and Eucharist
 - ... Recitation of (6) Our Father's, (6) Hail Mary's and (6) Glory Be's—Latin Rite;— New Form Ordinary Time Recitation of (3) Our Fathers, (3) Hail Mary's and (3) Glory Be's.
 - BOTH RITES prayed before the Tabernacle reserved or exposed. **ALSO**, under either rite recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father: One of each: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be.
 - ... Preferably in churches and public oratories of the Friars Minors, the Capuchins, or conventuals, or where the 3rd Order is erected.
 - ... **If none of the above churches exists, any church suffices.**
 - ... One Plenary Indulgence per day may be gained (under new rules for indulgences).

Mark your calendar for the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels beginning at **Vespers (Noon) on August 1st to August 2nd at Midnight.**

One visit per day during this time period qualifies for **TWO indulgences** because the visits are on **TWO different days.**

TELL EVERYONE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS GIFT.
Once again, we see the unfathomable **DIVINE MERCY** of God.

DISTINGUISHING THIS INDULGENCE FROM OTHERS:

*The Congregation of the Council has twice confirmed the indulgence on July 17, 1700 and again on December 4, 1723. Again, the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences on February 22, 1847 reaffirmed the indulgence and noted that Communion **did not** have to be received **only** in a Franciscan Church. Pope Pius IX confirmed these decisions by a decree dated July 12, 1849.

*(excerpted from: <http://friarsminor.org/sermons/portiuncula.html>)

NOTE: A review of the meaning of the above with a retired provincial of the Holy Name Province, of the Franciscan Order, and in consultation with the Franciscan Ordo, states that this Indulgence may only be transferred to the next Sunday as a special concession to remote areas of the world where Mission Chapels are not usually open during the week. Otherwise, the normal rules apply.

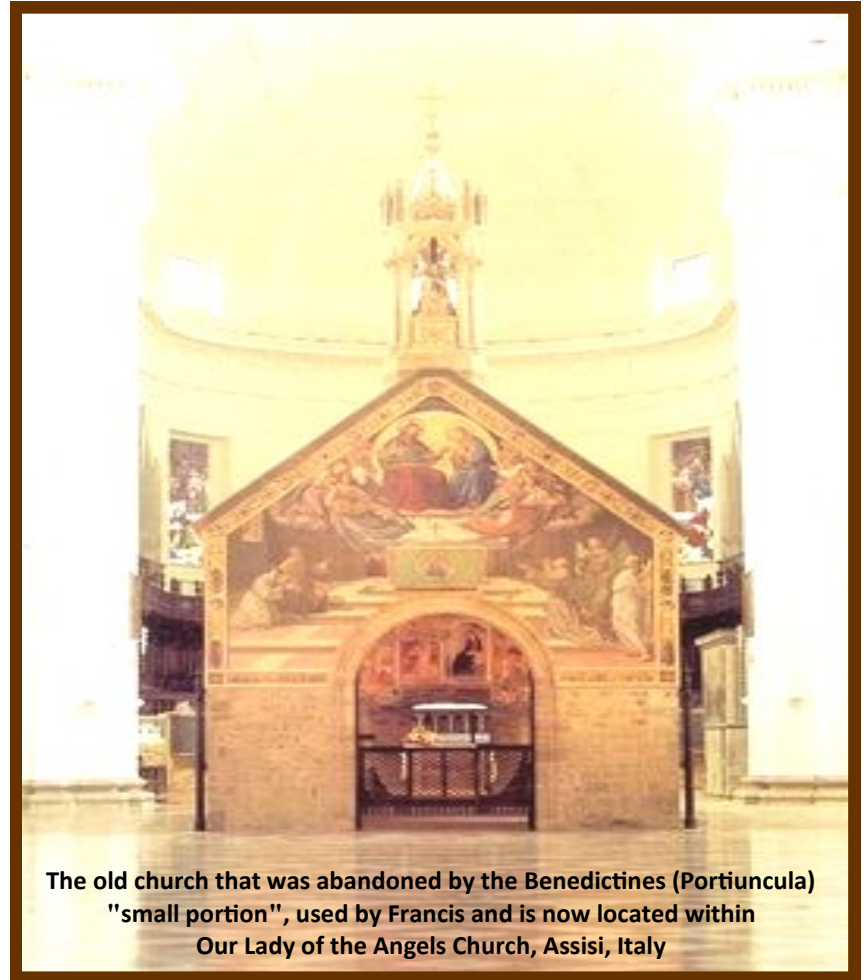


As we honor Our Lady of the Angels,
may we find inspiration for our own growth
and development, in the Gospel way of life
that Saint Francis embraced and lived so completely.

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THE PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE **(THE PARDON PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS)**

FEAST DAY: NOON AUGUST 1ST THRU MIDNIGHT AUGUST 2ND



The old church that was abandoned by the Benedictines (Portiuncula) "small portion", used by Francis and is now located within Our Lady of the Angels Church, Assisi, Italy

IN THE WORDS OF SAINT FRANCIS:

***"O my Brothers and Sisters,
I want you all to go to Heaven!"***

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND THE PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE
(THE GREAT PARDON)
by Susan Tassone

The Portiuncula (small portion) refers to the land in Assisi, Italy, that belonged to the Benedictines. On this land was an old church dedicated to the Virgin Mother of God but abandoned.

Saint Francis had a great devotion to the Queen of the world and when he saw that the church was deserted, he began to live there constantly and repair it. He heard that the angels often visited it, so that it was called Saint Mary of the Angels.

The Benedictines wanted to give Francis the church but in order to remain faithful to lady Poverty, Francis rented it from them with the annual compensation of a basket of fish from the Tescio river. Here is where Francis began his service to Christ and His Church.

Here Francis founded his Order, received Clare as his spiritual daughter, and where he died commending this spot above all others to the friars.

St. Francis had great love and compassion for everyone.

On a night in July, 1216, Francis was praying in the little church of the Portiuncula devoured by love for God and a thirst to save souls. He prayed for the forgiveness of sins of mankind.

Suddenly a brilliant light shone all around. In great splendor Jesus and Mary appeared in the midst of a dazzling cloud surrounded by a multitude of radiant angels.

Out of fear and reverence, Saint Francis adored Our Lord prostrate upon the ground.

Then Jesus said to him: Francis you are very zealous for the good of souls. Ask me what you want for their salvation. Saint Francis was rapt in ecstasy before Jesus.

When he regained his courage he said:

"Lord, I a miserable sinner beg You to concede an indulgence to all those who enter this church, who are truly contrite and have confessed their sins. And I beg Blessed Mary, your Mother, intercessor of man, that she intercede on behalf of this grace."

Our Lady at once began to beseech her Son on behalf of Francis. Jesus answered:

"It is a very great thing that which you ask Me; but you are worthy of even greater things, Friar Francis, and greater things you will have. So I accept your request, but I want you to go to my Vicar, to whom I have given the power to bind and loose in Heaven and on earth, to ask him on my behalf for this indulgence." (ed. Note: Matthew 16: 19).

With one of his companions, Francis hastened to Pope Honorius III and prostrate, implored him to proclaim that every one visiting the church and confessing their sins with a contrite heart would be as pure from all sin and punishments as he was immediately after baptism. The Pope granted this petition. This indulgence has been extended to **all parish churches** throughout the world.



Reliquary of St. Peter's Chains
located in
Church of St. Peter in Chains,
Rome, Italy

The date was set from vespers of the first of August until sundown on the second of August, the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. It is said that Saint Francis was given this day by Our Lord because the Feast of the Chains of Saint Peter celebrated on August first is the day Peter was released from prison and his chains removed.

This is an extraordinary demonstration of God's mercy in removing the chains of sin from those who devoutly and faithfully seek to gain the indulgence by completing its requirements.