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Dear Father Sylvester

Year of Faith – Designated Marian Shrine at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Marayong

Thank you for your letter requesting the designation of a sacred place as mentioned in the Decree for the Year of Faith.

I willingly grant this request for the period 11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013 for the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Marayong.

The faithful may receive a Plenary Indulgence if they participate in a sacred celebration, or at least spend time in prayer and meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Creed.

I enclose the decree which was published in the November edition of *Catholic Outlook* but with the addition of the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

As you suggest, may it indeed bring about renewal and New Evangelisation within the Polish Catholic Community and beyond.

With my prayer and blessing.

Yours fraternally in Christ

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DECREE - PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

The Holy See has announced that during the Year of Faith from 11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013 a Plenary Indulgence will be granted for the temporal punishment of sins, imparted by the mercy of God and applicable either to the recipient or to the soul of one of the faithful departed.

In the Diocese of Parramatta Bishop Anthony advises that the Indulgence may be obtained by the faithful:

- each time they attend at least three lectures on the Second Vatican Council or the Catechism of the Catholic Church or three talks/sermons during a parish mission.
- each time they visit St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta, or the Schoenstatt Shrine of Our Lady, Mulgoa or the Church of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Marayong and there participate in a sacred celebration, or at least spend time in prayer and meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Creed.
- each time they visit a place where the travelling relic of St Francis Xavier is present for veneration, and there participate in a sacred celebration, or at least spend time in prayer and meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary, Creed and some invocation of St Francis Xavier.
- each time that they participate in a solemn celebration of the Eucharist in a parish church on the feast day of that parish or a Solemnity of the Lord.
- each time they participate in a solemn celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, adding thereto the Profession of Faith.
- on any day they chose to visit to the place of their Baptism and there renew their baptismal promises.

As usual, any of the faithful wishing to obtain the indulgence must be truly penitent, receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, and pray for the Pope's intentions.

Any of the faithful who, due to illness or other reasons, cannot leave their home may obtain the Plenary Indulgence if, united in prayer with their pastors and the rest of the faithful, they recite the Our Father, Creed and other prayers appropriate to the Year of Faith, offering up the suffering and discomfort of their lives.

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

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