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വിശ്വാസവർഷ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന

യേശുവിൽ പ്രിയ സഹോദരവൈദികരേ,
സന്യാസ സഹോദരന്മാരേ, സഹോദരിമാരേ, വത്സല മക്കളേ,

വിശ്വാസവർഷത്തിലെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യത്തിരുന്നാൾദിനം (Corpus Christi) പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പാ 2013 ജൂൺ 2 ഞായറാഴ്ച വത്തിക്കാൻ സമയം വൈകിട്ട് 5 മുതൽ 6 വരെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന നടത്തുകയാണ്. കെ.സി.ബി.സി.യുടെ തീരുമാനപ്രകാരം നമ്മുടെ എല്ലാ ഇടവക ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിലും, ആശ്രമങ്ങളിലും, കോൺ വെന്റുകളിലും 2013 ജൂൺ 2 ഞായറാഴ്ച രാത്രി 8.30 മുതൽ 9.30 വരെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യആരാധന നടത്തുകയും വിശ്വാസവർഷ വിജയത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും സാർവത്രിക സഭയോടുള്ള ഐക്യം പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമെന്ന് നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നു. ഇതിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് കെ.സി.ബി.സി. നൽകുന്ന സർക്കുലർ താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്നു. വിശ്വാസ വർഷത്തിലെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യത്തിരുന്നാൾദിനം ഏറ്റം സമുചിതമായി ആചരിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ട ക്രമീകരണങ്ങൾ കൂടി നടത്തണമെന്ന് സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

പൈതൃകാശീർവാദങ്ങളോടെ, എറണാകുളത്ത് നമ്മുടെ അതി മെത്രാസനമന്ദിരത്തിൽ നിന്ന് 2013 മെയ് 20-ാം തീയതി.

എറണാകുളം
20.05.2013

✠ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് കല്ലറക്കൽ
വരാപ്പുഴ അതിരൂപത മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്ത

വിശ്വാസവർഷ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന

സ്നേഹത്തിൽ പ്രവർത്തനനിരതമാകുന്ന വിശ്വാസം (ഗലാ 5:6)

ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ പ്രിയമുള്ളവരേ,

വിശ്വാസവർഷത്തിലെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യത്തിരുന്നാൾ ദിനം (Corpus Christi) പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പാ 2013 ജൂൺ 2 ഞായറാഴ്ച വത്തിക്കാൻ സമയം വൈകിട്ട് 5 മുതൽ 6 വരെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന നടത്തുകയാണ്. അപ്പസ്തോലികശുശ്രൂഷ സാർവത്രികസഭയിൽ നിർവഹിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ രൂപതാ മെത്രാന്മാരും മാർപാപ്പായോടു ചേർന്ന് തങ്ങളുടെ ഭദ്രാസനദൈവാലയത്തിൽ ഒരു മണിക്കൂർ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന നടത്തണമെന്ന് പരിശുദ്ധ സിംഹാസനം നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

കെസിബിസിയുടെ തീരുമാനപ്രകാരം 2013 ജൂൺ 2 ഞായറാഴ്ച രാത്രി 8.30 മുതൽ 9.30 വരെ എല്ലാ കത്തീഡ്രൽ ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിലും രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന നടത്തുന്നതോടൊപ്പം കേരളത്തിലെ സീറോമലബാർ, ലത്തീൻ, മലങ്കര സഭകളിലെ സാധിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ ഇടവക ദൈവാലയങ്ങളിലും ആശ്രമങ്ങളിലും മഠങ്ങളിലും ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന നടത്തുകയും വിശ്വാസവർഷ വിജയത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും സാർവത്രികസഭയോടുള്ള ഐക്യം പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണമെന്ന് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

വിശ്വാസവർഷാചരണം രൂപതാതലത്തിലും സന്യാസസഭയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിലും സമുചിതമായി നടക്കുന്നുവെന്ന് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കട്ടെ.

സ്ഥാനത്യാഗം ചെയ്ത പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ബെനഡിക്ട് പതിനാറാമൻ മർപാപ്പാ വിശ്വാസവർഷത്തിന് ഒരുക്കമായി സഭയ്ക്ക് നൽകിയ അപ്പസ്തോലിക ലേഖനമായ “വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ വാതിലി”ൽ നിർദ്ദേശിച്ചതുപോലെ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ മതബോധനഗ്രന്ഥം, യുവജനമതബോധന ഗ്രന്ഥം, രണ്ടാം വത്തിക്കാൻ കൗൺസിൽ പ്രമാണരേഖകൾ എന്നിവയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ആഴത്തിലുള്ള പഠനം എല്ലാ തലങ്ങളിലുമുള്ള വിശ്വാസികൾക്ക് നൽകണമെന്ന് ഒരിക്കൽ കൂടി ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. വിശ്വാസവർഷത്തിലെ ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യത്തിരുന്നാൾ സമുചിതമായി ആചരിക്കുവാൻ ക്രമീകരണങ്ങൾ നടത്തണമെന്ന് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

ഉത്ഥിതനായ ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം,

+ മാർ ആൻഡ്രൂസ് താഴത്ത്
പ്രസിഡന്റ്, കെ.സി.ബി.സി.

Circular - 17
ANNAUL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS
(August 11 to 23, 2013)

Dear Reverend Fathers,

The Annual Retreat for priests of our Archdiocese will be conducted in Ashirbhavan, Ernakulam, as usual in two sessions in the order given below.

The first session of the retreat will begin in the evening of August 11 to 16, 2013 and the second in the evening of August 18 to 23, 2013. We have very eminent retreat preachers from the Divine Retreat Centre, Potta to preach the retreat this year. The first batch will be led by **Rev. Fr. Augustine Vallooran, V.C.** and the second batch will have **Rev. Fr. Mathew Thadathil, V.C.** to lead the sessions.

Please note your name in the list and in case there is a serious reason for you to change from one batch to the other, please inform Archdiocesan Curia latest by June 30, 2013.

The Rev. Parish Priests, who leave their parish for the annual retreat, during their absence, shall entrust the care of the parish either to the Assistant Priest, if there is one, or the priests of the neighbouring parish. I hereby grant necessary faculties to such priests as far as they may need.

The Rev. Fathers may inform the faithful about the annual retreat of the clergy and exhort them to pray for the sanctification of their pastors and all the priests of the Archdiocese.

In accordance with Canon 958 § 2, the Mass intention books are to be inspected by the Ordinary. Hence all the Rev. Fathers are requested to present their Mass Diaries during the days of retreat for examination. Rev. Fathers whose faculties for hearing confessions expired are hereby reminded to get their faculties duly extended without any break.

ANNUAL RETREAT

First Batch [August 11-16, 2013]

- 1 Msgr. Alex Vadakumthala
- 2 Fr. Alex Chinganthara
- 3 Fr. Alex Kurisuparambil
- 4 Fr. Aloysius Thaiparambil
- 5 Fr. Alphonse Panakal
- 6 Msgr. Ambrose Arackal
- 7 Fr. Antony Anand Mannalil
- 8 Fr. Antony Arackal (Sr.)
- 9 Fr. Antony John Puliparambil
- 10 Msgr. Antony Kalathiveettil
- 11 Fr. Antony Karippatt
- 12 Fr. Antony Kocherry
- 13 Fr. Antony Koppandassery
- 14 Fr. Antony Sijan Manuveliparambil
- 15 Fr. Antony Valumkal
- 16 Fr. Antony Vellayil
- 17 Fr. Antony Vibin Xavier Velikkakath
- 18 Fr. Binil Sebastian Palliparambil
- 19 Fr. Denny Mathew Peringat
- 20 Fr. Denny Palackaparambil
- 21 Fr. Dominic Kanappilly
- 22 Fr. Douglas Pinheiro
- 23 Fr. Felix Chackalackal
- 24 Fr. Felix Chullickal
- 25 Fr. Francis D'cruz
- 26 Fr. Francis D'Silva
- 27 Fr. Francis Marottikaparambil
- 28 Fr. Francis Peediekal

29 Fr. George Chelat
30 Fr. George Joseph Thoundayil
31 Fr. George Kalathiparambil
32 Fr. George Mathirapilly
33 Fr. George Vettaparambil
34 Fr. Jacob Liju Mathirappilly
35 Fr. Jacob Pazhanilath
36 Fr. Jayan Payyappilly
37 Fr. Jeen Felix Kattassery
38 Fr. Jenin Antony Marottiparambil
39 Fr. Jiju Cleetus Thiyadi
40 Msgr. John Bosco Panackal
41 Fr. Johnson D'Cunha
42 Fr. Jolly George Chackalackal
43 Fr. Jolly John Odathackal
44 Fr. Jolly Thappalodath
45 Fr. Joseph Biju Kalloor
46 Fr. Joseph Biju Thattarassery
47 Fr. Joseph Chelat
48 Fr. Joseph Collins Elenjikal
49 Fr. Joseph Oliparambil (Jr.)
50 Fr. Joseph Rajan Kizhavana
51 Fr. Joseph Sherin Chemmayath
52 Fr. Joseph Tattarassery
53 Fr. Joseph Thoppil
54 Fr. Joseph Vibin Choothamparambil
55 Fr. Judis Panakal
56 Fr. Kurian Maraparambil
57 Fr. Loxly Sebastian Paravackal
58 Fr. Manuel Lopez
59 Fr. Martin Azhikkakath

60 Fr. Marydas Kochery
61 Fr. Mathew Kallinkal
62 Fr. Michael D'Cruz Arakal
63 Fr. Michael Panackal
64 Fr. Norbin Pazhampilly
65 Fr. Patrick Elavunkal
66 Fr. Paul Thundiyl
67 Fr. Peter Ambalathinkal
68 Fr. Philip Thaiparambil
69 Fr. Prasad Jose Kannapilly
70 Fr. Prince Xavier Kannothepparambil
71 Fr. Raymond Pallan
72 Fr. Rex Joseph Arakkaparambil
73 Fr. Rockey Kollamparambil
74 Fr. Rony Joseph Manakil
75 Fr. Sabu Nedunilath
76 Fr. Sebastian George Adichiyil
77 Fr. Sebastian Oliparambil
78 Fr. Sijo George Kurisummootil
79 Fr. Stephen Alathara
80 Fr. Thadeus Babu Vavakatt
81 Fr. Thomas Chinganthara
82 Fr. Titus Antony Kurisuveettil
83 Fr. Varghese Sojan Thoppil
84 Fr. Vimal Francis Pandaraparambil
85 Fr. Vincent Variath
86 Fr. Xavier Kumbalaparambil
87 Fr. Xavier Sebastian Padiyaramparambil
88 Fr. Yesudas Pazhampilly
89 Fr. Zacharias Pavanathara

ANNUAL RETREAT

Second Batch [Aug 18 to 23, 2013]

- 1 Fr. Alexander Maliackal
- 2 Fr. Anton Oliparambil
- 3 Fr. Antony Arackal (Jr)
- 4 Fr. Antony Bibu Kadamparambil
- 5 Fr. Antony Cheriakadavil
- 6 Fr. Antony Dominic Figarado
- 7 Fr. Antony Lijo Odathakal
- 8 Fr. Antony Melwin Kappungal
- 9 Fr. Antony Mulloor
- 10 Fr. Antony Paul Keerampilly
- 11 Fr. Antony Raphael Komaranchath
- 12 Fr. Antony Shine Kattuparambil
- 13 Fr. Antony Thoppil
- 14 Fr. Augustine Baiju Kuttikkal
- 15 Fr. Augustine Isaac Kurisinkal
- 16 Fr. Augustine Laiju Kandanattuthara
- 17 Fr. Augustine Shelbin Variath
- 18 Fr. Charles Lopez
- 19 Fr. Christy David Pathiala
- 20 Fr. Clement Valluvassery
- 21 Msgr. Cletus Parambaloth
- 22 Fr. Ebigin Arackal
- 23 Fr. Francis Dixon Fernandez
- 24 Fr. Francis Glanson Aruja
- 25 Fr. Francis Koikaranparambil
- 26 Fr. Francis Naissary
- 27 Fr. Francis Nelson Libera
- 28 Fr. Francis Xavier Thannikaparambil
- 29 Fr. George Arackal

- 30 Fr. George Kuruppath
- 31 Fr. George Mangalath
- 32 Fr. George Sequeira
- 33 Msgr. George Veliparambil
- 34 Fr. Gino George Kadungamparambil
- 35 Fr. Godfry Kochapilly
- 36 Fr. Jacob Baiju Ben Pashniparambil
- 37 Fr. Jacob Pattarumadathil
- 38 Fr. James Shaiju Thoppil
- 39 Fr. Jenson Livera Ithithara
- 40 Fr. Jerome Chamminikodath
- 41 Fr. Jibin George Mathirappilly
- 42 Fr. Job Kundony
- 43 Fr. John Capistan Lopez
- 44 Fr. John Kanakassery
- 45 Fr. John Palliparambil
- 46 Fr. Joji Kuthukatt
- 47 Fr. Jose Padiyaramparambil
- 48 Fr. Jose Thannipilly
- 49 Fr. Joseph Antony Palliparambil
- 50 Fr. Joseph Benny Karingat
- 51 Fr. Joseph Binu Pandaraparambil
- 52 Fr. Joseph Etturuthil Msgr
- 53 Fr. Joseph Joshy Nedumparambil
- 54 Fr. Joseph Joy Mathirappilly
- 55 Fr. Joseph Karikkassery
- 56 Fr. Joseph Lixon Aswez
- 57 Fr. Joseph Panikkassery.
- 58 Fr. Joseph Sangeeth Adichiyil
- 59 Msgr. Joseph Thannikot
- 60 Fr. Joseph Thykoodan

- 61 Fr. Josy Joseph Kochappilly
- 62 Fr. Justin Attullil
- 63 Fr. Manuel Kuthukatt
- 64 Fr. Martin Thaiparambil
- 65 Fr. Mathew D'Cunha
- 66 Fr. Mathew Jomson Thottunkal
- 67 Fr. Mathew Sojan Maliekal
- 68 Fr. Michael Thalakketty
- 69 Fr. Navin Thengapurackal
- 70 Msgr. Paul Figarado
- 71 Fr. Paulson Kottiyath
- 72 Fr. Paulson Simethy
- 73 Fr. Peter Kochuveetil
- 74 Fr. Philip Shine Chilangara
- 75 Fr. Rajeev Jose Kainikat
- 76 Fr. Raphael Kalluveetil
- 77 Fr. Robinson Panackal
- 78 Fr. Rocky Thengapurackal
- 79 Fr. Saju Antony Mundempilly
- 80 Fr. Sebastian Joby Aseethuparambil
- 81 Fr. Sebastian Karukappilly
- 82 Msgr. Sebastian Luiz
- 83 Fr. Sebastian Moonukoottungal
- 84 Fr. Shine Pauly Kalathil
- 85 Fr. Stanley Malhirappilly
- 86 Fr. Thomas Pulickal
- 87 Fr. Tijo Thomas Kolothumveetil
- 88 Fr. Varghese Edathil
- 89 Fr. Varghese Valiyaparambil
- 90 Fr. Vincent Naduvilaparambil
- 91 Fr. Xavier Sajan Padiyaramparambil

NOTIFICATION - 7
TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 1. **Rev. Fr. Antony Lijo Odathakal**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Moothedom,
Maradu - 682 304
- 2. **Rev. Fr. Antony Shine Kattuparambil**
Asst Parish Priest
St. Antony's Church, Vaduthala, Cochin - 682 023.
- 3. **Rev. Fr. Augustine Baiju Kuttikkal**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. Joseph's Church, Thevara, Cochin - 682 013.
- 4. **Rev. Fr. Binil Sebastian Palliparambil**
Asst. Parish Priest, St. George's Church
Perumanoor, Cochin - 682 016.
- 5. **Rev. Fr. Christy David Pathiala**
Vice Rector
St. Joseph's Minor Seminary, University P.O.,
Kalamassery - 682 022.
- 6. **Rev. Fr. Gino George Kadungamparambil**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. Anne's Church, Thottakattukara, Alwaye - 683 108.
- 7. **Rev. Fr. Jeen Felix Kattassery**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. Jude Thaddeus Church, Ettelar, Edathala - 683 564.
- 8. **Rev. Fr. Jenin Antony Marottiparambil**
Asst. Parish Priest, Holy Family Church.
S. Chittoor, Cochin - 682 027.
- 9. **Rev. Fr. Jenson Livera Ithithara**
Asst. Parish Priest, St. Raphael's Church
Thykoodom. Cochin - 682 019.

10. **Rev. Fr. Jibin George Mathirappilly**
Asst. Parish Priest
Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Kothad - 682 027.
11. **Rev. Fr. Jiju Cleetus Thiyadi**
Asst. Parish Priest, Church of Our Lady of Mercy
Ponnarimangalam, Cochin - 682 504.
12. **Rev. Fr. Job Kundony**
Asst. Parish Priest
National Shrine Basilica of Vallarpadom
Cochin - 682 031.
13. **Rev. Fr. Jolly George Chakkalackal**
Asst. Parish Priest, St. Philomina's Church
Koonammavu - 683 518.
14. **Rev. Fr. Jolly John Odathackal**
Asst. Parish Priest, Little Flower Church,
Pottakuzhy, N. Kaloor - 682 017
15. **Rev. Fr. Joseph Antony Palliparambil**
Asst. Parish Priest
Holy Family Church, Perumpilly,
Narakkal P.O.- 682 505.
16. **Rev. Fr. Joseph Karikkassery**
Asst. Parish Priest,
St. Raphael's Church, Thykoodom.
Cochin - 682 019.
17. **Rev. Fr. Joseph Lixon Aswez**
Asst Parish Priest
St. Francis Xavier's Church, Kaloor, Cochin - 682 017.
18. **Rev. Fr. Joseph Sherin Chemmayath**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. John the Baptist Church,
Palarivattom, Cochin - 682 025

19. **Rev. Fr. Josy Joseph Kochapilly**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. Francis Assisi Cathedral, Ernakulam,
Cochin - 682 031
20. **Rev. Fr. Manuel Kuthukatt**
Asst. Parish Priest
Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Valappu,
Ochanthuruth - 682 508.
21. **Rev. Fr. Marydas Kochery**
Asst. Parish Priest
Mount Carmel Church, Chathiath,
Cochin - 682 012.
22. **Rev. Fr. Mathew Jomson Thottunkal**
Asst. Parish Priest
St. John the Baptist Church
Palarivattom, Cochin - 682 025
23. **Rev. Fr. Philip Shine Chilangara**
Asst. Parish Priest
Church of O.L. Imm. Heart of Mary
Nettoor, Cochin-683 304
24. **Rev. Fr. Prasad Jose Kanapilly**
Asst. Parish Priest
Cruz Milagris Church, Kurisinkal,
Ochanthuruth - 682 508.
25. **Rev. Fr. Prince Xavier Kannothisparambil**
Asst. Parish Priest
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Many priests recommend the faithful to have confession at least once a year, as in the second precept of the Church (Catechism No. 2042: “You shall confess your sins at least once a year”). But according to some priests this is not necessary unless there are grave sins, as in Canon 989, “All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins **at least once a year.**” Theoretically, one consequence of this assertion is that after first confession (before first Communion), there would be no more need to receive this sacrament unless there are grave sins. Practically, some faithful do not receive this sacrament for many years because “they did not commit any grave sins.” Catechism No. 1457 also refers to the above canon (“after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year”). Here, it points out that confession is obligatory only for grave sins. As you know, Canon 989 has a juridical obligation. However, Catechism No. 2041 points out the obligatory character of the five precepts of the Church too. There is no contradiction if we can distinguish a “juridical” obligation of the Canon 989, and a “pastoral” obligation of the second precept. Taking into consideration the Canon 989 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1457, do we need to recommend for regular and frequent confessions. But strictly speaking, is the second precept obligatory only if there are grave sins?

Questions:

- 1) *What does the Canon Law say about the obligation of the Penitent to confess?*

Can. 988 §1: A member of the Christian faithful is obliged to confess in kind and number all grave sins committed after baptism

and not yet remitted directly through the keys of the Church nor acknowledged in individual confession, of which the person has knowledge after diligent examination of conscience. §2. It is recommended to the Christian faithful that they also confess venial sins.

Can. 989 After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.

Thus, Canon 989 indicates that the maximum time for fulfilling the obligation of Can. 988 §1 is a year. For this reason, several expert commentators on canon law hold that, effectively, Canon 989's strict obligation of confessing once a year regards serious sins. On the supposition that a person has not committed any serious sins, this canon would not apply to them. In this light, Catechism No. 1457 quotes Canon 989 because it is dealing with the need to confess one's serious sins before receiving Communion. The second precept "You shall confess your sins at least once a year" does not mention "serious or mortal sin" and obliges whether serious sin is present or not. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 2042 says that the annual confession "ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness." Here, reconciliation is not seen just as the obligatory means of being shriven of mortal sin but as one of the habitual and even necessary means of spiritual progress. The Compendium to the Catechism also makes no mention of the need for serious sin. Thus, No. 432.2 formulates the precept as: "To confess one's sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year." By doing this, both the Catechism and its Compendium descend from the realm of canonical theory to the reality of the Christian life. The idea that the annual canonical

obligation to confess obliges only in the case of serious sins is fine on paper, but the experience of many directors of souls is that it is rare for someone to avoid any serious sin over a period of one or more years. Indeed, when serious sin is avoided over the course of years, it almost always occurs in souls who regularly and frequently confess their venial sins and make use of the sacrament of reconciliation in order to grow in their delicacy of conscience and love for God. Such souls are also likely to practice other means of spiritual progress such as regular prayer, frequent Communion, and charitable service. We also need to remember that the obligation does not fall upon those who are unable to fulfill it due to age, infirmity or some other good reason.

Perhaps the difficulty stems from having diluted the concept of mortal or serious sin, so that it is no longer perceived. At times, sin is reduced to violations of the Sixth Commandment. We pastors need to remind our faithful, and ourselves, that the deadly sins are seven (pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth) and that each poisons the soul in its own way. Finally, the obligation to annual confession aids us in combating the sin of presumption before God's judgment.

2) *What is the difference between a mortal sin and a venial sin?*

For a sin to be mortal, three conditions must exist at the same time.

1. It must be of a *grave matter*;
2. It must be committed with *full knowledge* that it is a mortal sin;
3. It must be committed with *full consent*. [Full consent means to do it "voluntarily."] (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1857)

Grave matter is specified by the Ten Commandments, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ The gravity of sins is more or less great: murder is graver than theft. One must also take into account who is wronged: violence against parents is in itself graver than violence against a stranger.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1858). “Mortal sin requires *full knowledge* and *complete consent*. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God’s laws. It also implies a consent sufficiently deliberate to be a personal choice. Feigned ignorance and hardness of heart do not diminish, but rather increase, the voluntary character of a sin.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1859).

“When the will sets itself upon something that is of its nature incompatible with the charity that orients man toward his ultimate end, then the sin is mortal by its very object... whether it contradicts the love of God, such as blasphemy or perjury, or the love of neighbour, such as homicide or adultery... But when the sinner’s will is set upon something that of its nature involves a disorder, but is not opposed to the love of God and neighbour, such as thoughtless chatter or immoderate laughter and the like, such sins are venial.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1856).