



SECRETARY GENERAL
CONGREGATION OF THE
PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART
Dehonians

Rome, July 1, 2025

Dear Confreres,

On November 5, 2024, the Superior General, with the consent of his Council, submitted to the Apostolic Penitentiary a request for plenary indulgence on the occasion of the centenary of the death of our Founder, Father Leo Dehon. The initiative aimed to foster the spiritual renewal of the members of our Congregation and to strengthen the life of grace within our communities, extending this gift also to those who daily reside in our religious houses.

In a response dated November 7, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary favorably accepted this request, granting a plenary indulgence on August 12, 2025, to all Dehonian religious, as well as to all persons who dwell permanently in our religious communities.

Let us remember that, in order to validly acquire a plenary indulgence on this jubilee day, it is necessary to apply the same ordinary conditions established for other cases: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and an interior disposition of complete detachment from all sin, even venial (cf. Paul VI, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, norm 7).

What spiritual meaning would this grace represent as it has been expressly granted to us Dehonians on such a special occasion? It is a precious opportunity to unite ourselves even more intimately with the Heart of Christ through our Founder's spiritual heritage, welcoming in faith and gratitude the treasures of mercy which the Church as caring mother offers us.

In Corde Iesu,

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