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THE YEAR OF HOLY MARY MOTHER OF MERCY

Preparation for

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH MARY

On October 15, 2017

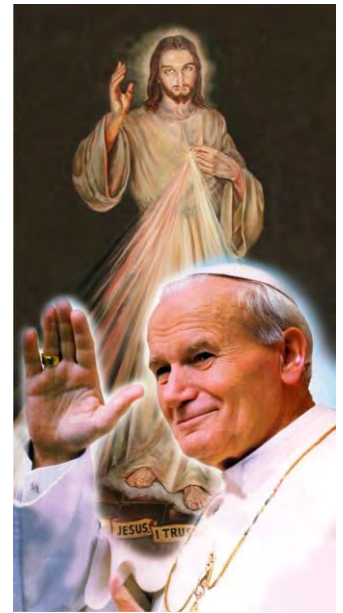
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Today, there is probably no country in the world where the Image of the Merciful Jesus is not known. The chaplet to Divine Mercy is said even in various African dialects. Since the year 2000, the first Sunday after Easter is being officially celebrated as the Divine Mercy Sunday in the entire Church. While the practice of prayer at the Hour of Mercy, that is, at the time of Jesus' death on the Cross (3 p.m.) is gaining ever greater popularity. In all those places where the devotion to Divine Mercy is being practiced, the tasks of FAUSTINUM - the Apostolic Movement of the Divine Mercy are being undertaken to a greater or lesser degree.

Today this Movement is made up of millions of people with different vocations. It includes people living behind papal enclosures, in active male and female congregations, or in secular institutes, and it involves diocesan priests and lay persons as well.

Faustinum - The Apostolic Movement of Divine Mercy sprung from the charisma and mystical experience of Saint Faustina, Blessed Michael Sopoćko and Saint John Paul II.

- It undertakes the task of proclaiming to the world the message of Mercy through deeds, words and prayer;

- It strives for union with God on the path of trusting in Him and practicing mercy toward neighbors.

- *You will prepare the world for My final coming (Diary 429)*, said the Lord Jesus to Sister Faustina. These words seem to define the prospective goal of the apostolic movement of the Divine Mercy. The beginning of the idea of this work goes back to the year 1935.

In the mercy of God the world will find peace and mankind will find happiness!

May you be witnesses to mercy!

(Saint John Paul II)



Faustinum Members at Christ the King Parish in Los Angeles

Requirements to be a Member of FAUSTINUM

1. **Frequent Holy Communion**
2. **Monthly Confession**
3. **To complete the spiritual and apostolic formation program**
4. **To proclaim the message of Divine Mercy** by the witness of one's life and words.
5. **TO DEVELOP** an attitude of **COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD** through the fulfillment of His will in all aspects of life, depending on one's state and profession.
6. **TO PRAY** and offer one's suffering for conversion of sinners, for priests and religious
7. In the course of each day, **to unite oneself** with the Merciful Jesus in acts of love and prayer, imploring the Divine Mercy for the entire world.
8. **TO PRACTICE** the forms of devotion handed down by St. Faustina:
 - **venerate** the image of Merciful Jesus;
 - **pray the chaplet** to the Divine Mercy;
 - **offer prayer** at the hour of Mercy,
 - **observe the Feast of Mercy**
 - **spread the devotion to Divine Mercy**
9. **Perform at least one act of mercy toward one's neighbor in Deed, Word or Prayer, out of love for Jesus.**



DIVINE MERCY MONTHLY FORMATION



Faustinum Members Saint John of God Parish in Norwalk

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The main emphasis in the “Faustinum” Apostolate of Divine Mercy activity is placed on formation, which aims at introducing Faustinum members into the spirituality and apostolic mission of Saint Faustina in order to prepare the apostles of Divine Mercy to lead independent interior lives and properly understood apostolic work. The basic formation program lasts 4 years and consists of 3 cycles:

- The biblical cycle
- The interior life
- The spirituality and mission of Saint Faustina, Saint John Paul II Blessed Michael Sopocko. Besides the monthly conferences and lectures, there is also a Practice exercise relating to the interior life. We invite you to join us at the Divine Mercy formation sessions held at Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish every second Saturday of the month. Join us to learn more about the Divine Mercy Spirituality. Divine Mercy is the core of our faith. Devotion to Divine Mercy is a way of Life. The formation is provided by The Lay Institute of Divine Mercy.



Deacon Salvador Ramirez, Leader of Spanish speaking Faustinum in Norwalk

The Lay Institute of Divine Mercy is one of the most active Apostolates of Divine Mercy. The Institute was established in Poland as the continuation of the research and study initiated by Blessed Fr. Michal Sopocko and has been in existence since 2002 in the USA, Russia and other Countries. The principal aim of the Lay Institute of Divine Mercy is to evangelize, to make the Church a sign of the saving presence of God in the World, to strive for Christian perfection through trust in God and showing mercy towards one's neighbors, to get to know and proclaim the mystery of God's mercy, to support Catholic Missions around the world and to entreat God's mercy for the whole world.



Spanish speaking Faustinum Members in Norwalk

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WILL BE CONCENTRATED
ON PREPARATION FOR
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TO JESUS CHRIST
THROUGH MARY**



February 11, 2017 – Our Lady of Lourdes
- **The Magnificat, Cantical of Hope** (*Lourdes a place of healing and hope*)

March 11, 2017 – Lenten Day of Renewal
- **Journey of Faith with Mary**

April 08, 2017
- **Holy Mary – Mother of Mercy**

May 13, 2017 – Our Lady of Fatima
- **Fatima and the immaculate Heart of Mary**

June 10, 2017
- **Holy Mary - Mother of the Church**

July 08, 2017
- **St. Louis de Montfort - A Man Consumed by God's Love**

August off for summer

September 09, 2017
- **"Totus Tuus" The Way of Trust and Love of Saint John Paul II**

October 13, 2017 October 15, 2017
- **13th Divine Mercy Congress**
"MARY: God's Yes to Man"

November 11, 2017
- **The Communion of Saints. Mary's journeys with the Church**

December 09, 2017
- **"I am the Immaculate Conception"**

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DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY IN CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

Since year 2003 in the world wide known place of entertainment, capital of the movies, world-famous Hollywood, known as a vanity fair, the Devotion to the Divine Mercy is spreading. In 2003, three years after the canonization of Sister Faustina the Image of the Merciful Jesus came from Poland to the local parish of Christ the King. The Image was blessed in Rome by Holy Father John Paul II. The Pope, himself a great devotee to Merciful Jesus, upon the request of Father Zenon Jarzabek and Father George J. Bobowski, signed the Image. The image was placed in a separate chapel, which also includes the paintings of Saint Faustina and Blessed Father Michael Sopocko. Also in the Church there is a plaque dedicated to John Paul II.



Today the Image of Merciful Jesus is the only one Icon in the United States signed by Saint John Pail II. This makes this Icon a relique. **Also thanks to Father Don Woznicki and Father George Bobowski we have the First Class Relique – Blood of Saint John Paul II. This Relique was given to our Parish by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, the former Secretary of Saint John Paul II.**

Forms of the Devotion to Divine Mercy

The fact that God is merciful should not surprise us. The Holy Bible has over 400 direct references to the Mercy of God. There are many more indirect references. Fifty five of the Psalms praise God's Mercy. Belief in a Merciful God became one of the characteristics of the Jewish religion. **We could almost call the Holy Bible the DIARY OF GOD'S MERCY toward mankind.**

The most comprehensive statement by the Magisterium on the meaning of Divine Mercy can be found in Pope John Paul II's Encyclical Letter "Dives in Misericordia" (Rich in Mercy, 1981). In that encyclical, the Holy Father made two very important statements about mercy. First, he wrote, "Mercy is love's second name." Secondly, he taught that mercy is "the greatest attribute of God."

Divine Mercy → the Greatest Attribute of God

Divine Mercy → Love is Mercy's second name

The *Diary* of Sister Faustina contains very many beautiful passages which reveal the greatness and depth of the mystery of the mercy of God as well as of prayer in various situations arising out of different needs of both body and soul. Yet, a special role in the Apostolic Movement of the Divine Mercy is played by those forms of the devotion to which the Lord Jesus had attached His promises addressed to everybody, and not just to Sister Faustina. Having accepted this criterion, after a detailed theological analysis of the Diary, the chief theologian in Sister Faustina's beatification process, Rev. Prof. Ignacy Różycki, had distinguished five forms of the devotion to the Divine Mercy. These are:

- 1- The Image of the Merciful Jesus
- 2- The Feast of the Divine Mercy
- 3- The Chaplet to the Divine Mercy
- 4- The Hour of Mercy
- 5- Spreading the Divine Mercy Devotion



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION IN CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

THE IMAGE OF THE MERCIFUL JESUS

Jesus said to Saint Faustina: *"I am offering people a vessel, with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus I trust in you." (Diary 327). "By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it." (Diary 570)*

→ THE DIVINE MERCY PILGRIM IMAGE

AND THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

FAMILIES TAKE THE IMAGE AND THE STATUE HOME FOR ONE WEEK" AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES

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THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Jesus said: *"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."* (Diary 699)

→ THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY AT CHRIST THE KING Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017

10:30 A.M. - Solemn Mass

3:00 P.M. - The Great Hour of Mercy

To observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. **CELEBRATE** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
2. Sincerely **REPENT** of all our sins;
3. Place our complete **TRUST IN JESUS**;
4. Go to **CONFESSION**
5. Receive **HOLY COMMUNION** on the day of the Feast;
6. **VENERATE THE IMAGE** of the Merciful Jesus
7. **BE MERCIFUL TO OTHERS**, through our actions, words and prayers

In preparation for the **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** we will start the **Divine Mercy Novena on April 14, 2017 and end it on 4/22, 2017.**

Novena Schedule:

Good Friday	4/14	11:30 AM	before the Stations of the Cross @ 12:00
Holy Saturday	4/15	7:10 PM	before 7:30 PM Evening Mass
Easter Sunday	4/16	9:45 AM	before 10:30 Mass
Easter Monday	4/17	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Tuesday	4/18	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Wednesday	4/19	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Thursday	4/20	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Friday	4/21	7:10 AM	before 7:30 AM Daily Mass
Easter Saturday	4/22	5:10 PM	before 5:30 Vigil Mass

THE CHAPLET TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Jesus Said to Saint Faustina: *"My Daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet" (Diary 1541)... "Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will" (Diary 1731)... "..Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet ONLY ONCE, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy..." (Diary 687)*

→ CHRIST THE KING CHAPLET PRAYER TIMES:

- Daily at 7:10 AM, before the 7:30 A.M. Mass.
- Every Tuesday during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00 to 9:00 PM.
- During First Fridays Divine Mercy Devotion: After the 6:30 PM Mass.

THE HOUR OF MERCY: At 3:00 O'clock, Can be prayed daily individually wherever we are, home, work.

"O blood and Water, which gushed forth from the hearth of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. (Diary 187) Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it;In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice" (Diary 1571)



SPREADING THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Jesus said: "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior" (Diary 1075)

SPREADING THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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→ LENTEN DAY OF RENEWAL

Journey of Faith with Mary

March 11, 2017

Christ the King Church
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→ DIVINE MERCY CONGRESS

Twelfth Southern California Congress of Divine Mercy

October 13 – October 15, 2017

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(Corner of Melrose and Vine)

MARY: GOD'S YES TO MAN

*Days of Individual Consecration
To Jesus Christ through Mary*

"Consecration to the Mother of God," says Pope Pius XII, "is a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life - Marian life." This consecration, the Pope explained, "tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."

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2017 PILGRIMAGES FOR THE YEAR OF HOLY MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Plan Your Jubilee Pilgrimage!

If ever there was a time to make a pilgrimage to the Eternal City - Rome, Poland – Land of Mercy, Holy Land – Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus, Lourdes and Fatima – The Places of Holy Mother, Argentina – Homeland of Pope Francis, it is now. Please join us. A Pilgrimage is a special time to meet God and to prepare ourselves for our journey to heaven. During our Pilgrimage you will participate on Daily Mass, touch holy places and meet people who are witnesses of the Gospel.

May 06 – May 14, 2017

- Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe

May 30 – June 15, 2017

- Pilgrimage to Our Holy Mother Shrines

Paris, Lourdes, Montserrat, Zaragoza, Madrid, Santiago De Compostela, Fátima,

June 18 – July 02, 2017

- Shrines of Italy

July 11 – July 23, 2017

- Holiday in Europe: Holland, Germany, Spain and Portugal

July 24 – August 02, 2017

- The Fifth Gospel – Holy Land: In the Footsteps of Jesus and His Apostles

August 07 – August 21, 2017

- Pilgrimage to: Poland, Lithuania and Czech Republic

September 08 – September 21, 2017

- Pilgrimage to Our Holy Mother Shrines: Lourdes, Montserrat, Zaragoza, Fátima,

September 24 – October 07, 2017

- Pilgrimage to Our Holy Mother Shrines: Lourdes, Montserrat, Zaragoza, Madrid, Fátima,

Days to prepare yourself for consecrating your life and the Parish Christ the King to Immaculate Heart of Mary!

October 15 – October 29, 2017

- South America: Brazil, Argentina and Peru

October 23 – November 06, 2017 - SOLD OUT

- The Fifth Gospel - Holy Land and Italy - In the Footsteps of Jesus and His Apostles

November 07 – November 16, 2017

- Holy Land - The Fifth Gospel: In the Footsteps of Jesus and His Apostles

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