

June 21, 2026
Twelfth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

A Ministry of the Marians of the
Immaculate Conception
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
PO Box 951
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www.shrineofdivinemercury.org
Divine Mercy: www.thedivinemercury.org
Marians: www.marian.org

*Livestream from
the National
Shrine*

Daily Devotions
Daily Mass
9:00am

Chaplet of Divine
Mercy
3:00pm

Rosary for Life
5:00pm

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Divine Mercy (Official)

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Divine Mercy

Videos posted on our Web-
site daily:
shrineofdivinemercury.org

Dear Pilgrims,

We welcome you to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Please join us for any upcoming events at the Shrine along with doing a personal pilgrimage during this year. Feel free to visit our Gift Shop and stroll our beautiful grounds during your visit here. May God bless you.

*Sincerely in Jesus and Mary Immaculate,
Fr. Matthew Tomeny, MIC
Shrine Rector*



Daily Schedule

Monday- Saturday 8:00am, 9:00am & 2:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am & 2:00pm

Please note:

2pm Mass on Saturday does NOT fulfill Sunday obligation

Confessions Available

Monday thru Friday 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays 1:00pm - 2:00pm

3:30pm - 4:15pm

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The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

June

- 6/25 Healing Mass at 7pm**
- See flyer on page 10 for more information
- 6/26 Outdoor Stations of The Cross**
- See flyer on page 9 for more information
- 6/27 Explaining the Faith Talk with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC**
- Live & In –Person
 - Topic: *“Response to Attacks on Divine Mercy”*

July

- 7/3 First Friday Devotions at 8pm**
- See flyer on page 13 for more information
- 7/4 Independence Day**
- First Saturday Devotions at 11am**
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For more information please visit the **Shrine Calendar**
found on our website: <https://www.shrineofdivinemeracy.org>

THIS IS A TEMPLE OF THE LORD



MODESTY IN DRESS

**In respect of our Lord Jesus Christ and
the dignity of the Human Person.**

Temporary apparel available at Reception if needed.



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ANGELUS ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS

Pope Leo XIV

ST PETER'S SQUARE

SUNDAY,

JUNE 14, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Sunday!

Today's Gospel (Mt 9:36–10:8) brings us a great gift, for it draws all who hear it into Jesus' gaze: it is a story that bears witness to the attentiveness of this gaze, as well as telling us what the Lord sees. We read, in fact, that Christ "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless" (v. 36). Having become our brother, the Son of God looks at the people, he looks at humanity: he sees the oppression that burdens and the violence that causes strength to fade. He sees the wounds of war and the emptiness of consumerism. He sees faces reduced to masks, families torn apart by evil, and young people misled by false ideals. Jesus sees and loves. He loves and suffers for and with us: his compassion expresses not only fraternal closeness, but his desire to redeem.

For he knows our hearts and cares for us. Looking upon so many people like "sheep without a shepherd" (v. 36), Christ devotes himself to all as the Good Shepherd and, as Lord of the harvest, sends workers into the field of the world (cf. v. 38). What is their task? They must offer God's comfort to those who suffer by bringing charity where there is misery, hope where there is affliction, faith where there is distrust.

The Gospel lists the names of the first twelve "workers:" they are disciples made apostles, that is, missionaries and preachers. Among them, the first we find is Simon, called Peter. But we also find Judas Iscariot, named last, to remind us that one can follow Jesus and betray him. Even so, the Gospel remains for all a living and true word. The Good News that spans the centuries is the same, always young, fresh, and liberating: "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near!" (Mt 10:7). Yes, it is near because in Jesus Christ, God draws near to every man and woman, to every people and nation. When this Gospel is proclaimed and lived out, evil crumbles like a

disease that passes away (cf. v. 8), like a night giving way to dawn, like death conquered by the risen One.

This is how Jesus' gaze transforms reality. Filled with love, his initiative gives birth to a new people, the Church, called to continue the mission of the apostles: "You received without payment; give without payment" (v. 8). Yes, Jesus' gift is entirely *gratis*, for its value exceeds all measure: it is impossible to merit or "buy" it. This grace is the beautiful name of God's mercy, which seeks us out wherever we are, to draw us to himself. "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38)!

Dear friends, the task of evangelization springs from God's gift, which in Christ becomes forgiveness for the world, service to the least and the poor, and a commitment to justice. Let us invoke the help of the Virgin Mary, full of grace, so that we may respond with joy and courage to the mission to which Jesus calls us.

After the Angelus prayer

Dear brothers and sisters,

First of all, I express my gratitude to the Lord for [the Apostolic Journey he has allowed me to undertake in Spain](#). I also thank the Spanish people who have welcomed me with great enthusiasm and devotion. I am especially grateful to His Majesty the King; I affectionately thank the Bishops, all the communities I visited and the entire Church in Spain. *Que Dios bendiga siempre a España!*

I would also like to recall some of the newly beatified: the diocesan priests Václav Drbala and Jan Bula, from Moravia; and Jan Šwierc and eight companions, Polish Salesian priests. All were beatified as martyrs, as victims of the persecution by totalitarian regimes because of their fidelity to Christ. Yesterday in Mato Grosso, Brazil, Nazareno Lanciotti, a Roman missionary priest, was also beatified; he too was a martyr, for he defended the poorest in the name of the Gospel. May the example and intercession of these courageous witnesses sustain the mission of priests and of the entire Church.

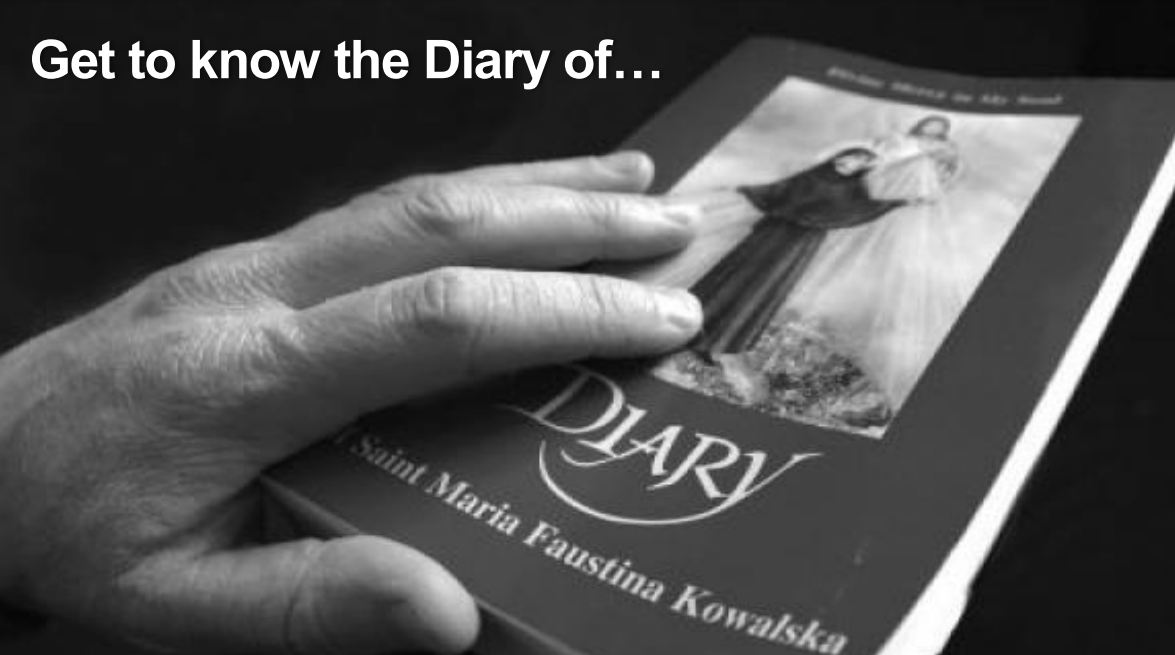
Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from **Welcome, Pope Leo XIV:**

<https://marian.org/articles/welcome-pope-leo-xiv>

Angelus Address of Pope Leo XIV on Sunday, June 14, 2026:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260614-angelus.html>

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina
Kowalska

**“Suddenly I saw the gaze of God
reaching into the depths of my heart.”**

January 29, 1936. In the evening, when I was in my cell, I suddenly saw a great light and a dark gray cross high up within the light. Suddenly, I found myself caught up close to the cross. I gazed at it intently, but could not understand anything, and so I prayed, asking what it could mean. At that moment I saw the Lord Jesus, and the cross disappeared. The Lord Jesus was sitting in a great light, and His legs, up to the knees, were drowned in the light so that I could not see them. Jesus bent toward me, looked at me kindly and spoke to me about the will of the Heavenly Father. He told me that the most perfect and holy soul is the one that does the will of the Father, but there are not many such, and that He looks with special love upon the soul who lives His will. And Jesus told me that I was doing the will of God perfectly... **and for this reason I am uniting Myself with you and communing with you in a special and intimate way.**

God embraces with His incomprehensible love the soul who lives by His will. I understood how much God loves us, how simple He is, though incomprehensible, and how easy it is to commune with Him, despite His great majesty. With no one do I feel as free and as much at ease as with Him. Even a mother and her truly loving child do not understand each other so well as God and I do. When I was in that state of communion with God, I saw two particular persons, and their sad interior condition was revealed to me. They were in a sorrowful state, but I trust that they, too, will glorify the mercy of God.

Once, Jesus said to me, **My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross.**

June 20, [1937]. We resemble God most when we forgive our neighbors. God is Love, Goodness, and Mercy...

Every soul, and especially the soul of every religious, should reflect My mercy. My Heart overflows with compassion and mercy for all. The heart of My beloved must resemble Mine; from her heart must spring the fountain of My mercy for souls; otherwise I will not acknowledge her as Mine.

Today, I saw the Lord in great beauty, and He said to me, **My loving host, pray for priests, especially during this time of harvest. My Heart is pleased with you, and for your sake I am blessing the earth.**

Thank You, O Lord, my Master,
That You have transformed me entirely into Yourself,
And accompany me through life's toils and labors;
I fear nothing when I have You in my heart.

O merciful God, You do not despise us, but lavish Your graces on us continuously. You make us fit to enter Your kingdom, and in Your goodness You grant that human beings may fill the places vacated by the ungrateful angels. O God of great mercy, who turned Your sacred gaze away from the rebellious angels and turned it upon contrite man, praise and glory be to Your unfathomable mercy, O God who do not despise the lowly heart.

March 19, 1937. Today, I united myself in spirit with the Adoration... but my soul was full of torments, and some strange kind of apprehension was piercing my heart. Because of this, I redoubled my prayers. Suddenly I saw the gaze of God reaching into the depths of my heart.

January 14, 1937. Today, Jesus entered my room wearing a bright robe and girded with a golden belt, His whole figure resplendent with great majesty. He said, **My daughter, why are you giving in to thoughts of fear?** I answered, “O Lord, You know why.” And He said, **Why?** “This work frightens me. You know that I am incapable of carrying it out.” And He said, **Why?** “You see very well that I am not in good health, that I have no education, that I have no money, that I am an abyss of misery, that I fear contacts with people. Jesus, I desire only You. You can release me from this.” And the Lord said to me, **My daughter, what you have said is true. You are very miserable, and it pleased Me to carry out this work of mercy precisely through you who are nothing but misery itself. Do not fear; I will not leave you alone. Do whatever you can in this matter; I will accomplish everything that is lacking in you. You know what is within your power to do; do that.** The Lord looked into the depth of my being with great kindness; I thought I would die for joy under that gaze. The Lord disappeared, and joy, strength and power to act remained in my soul.

Today, in the course of a long conversation, the Lord said to me, **How very much I desire the salvation of souls! My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy. The very inner depths of My being are filled to overflowing with mercy, and it is being poured out upon all I have created. My delight is to act in a human soul and to fill it with My mercy and to justify it. My kingdom on earth is My life in the human soul. Write, My secretary, that I Myself am the spiritual guide of souls — and I guide them indirectly through the priest, and lead each one to sanctity by a road known to Me alone.**

I go out to meet Him, and I invite Him to the dwelling place of my heart, humbling myself profoundly before His majesty. But the Lord lifts me up from the dust and invites me, as His bride, to sit next to Him and to tell Him everything that is on my heart. And I, set at ease by His kindness, lean my head on His breast and tell Him of everything. In the first place, I tell Him things I would never tell to any creature. And then, I speak about the needs of the Church, about the souls of poor sinners and about how much they have need of His mercy. But the time passes quickly. Jesus, I must go to carry out the duties that are awaiting me. Jesus tells me that there is still a moment in which to say farewell. A deep mutual gaze, and we seemingly separate for a while; but, in reality, we never do. Our hearts are constantly united. Though outwardly I am distracted by my various duties, the presence of Jesus plunges me constantly in profound recollection.

January 30, 1938. One-day retreat.

The Lord gave me to know, during meditation, that as long as my heart beats in my breast, I must always strive to spread the Kingdom of God on earth. I am to fight for the glory of my Creator.

1934. ...I saw the Mother of God, unspeakably beautiful. She said to me, *My daughter, what I demand from you is prayer, prayer, and once again prayer, for the world and especially for your country. For nine days receive Holy Communion in atonement and unite yourself closely to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During these nine days you will stand before God as an offering; always and everywhere, at all times and places, day or night, whenever you wake up, pray in the spirit. In spirit, one can always remain in prayer.*

Guided Outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Led by the Marians
every Friday

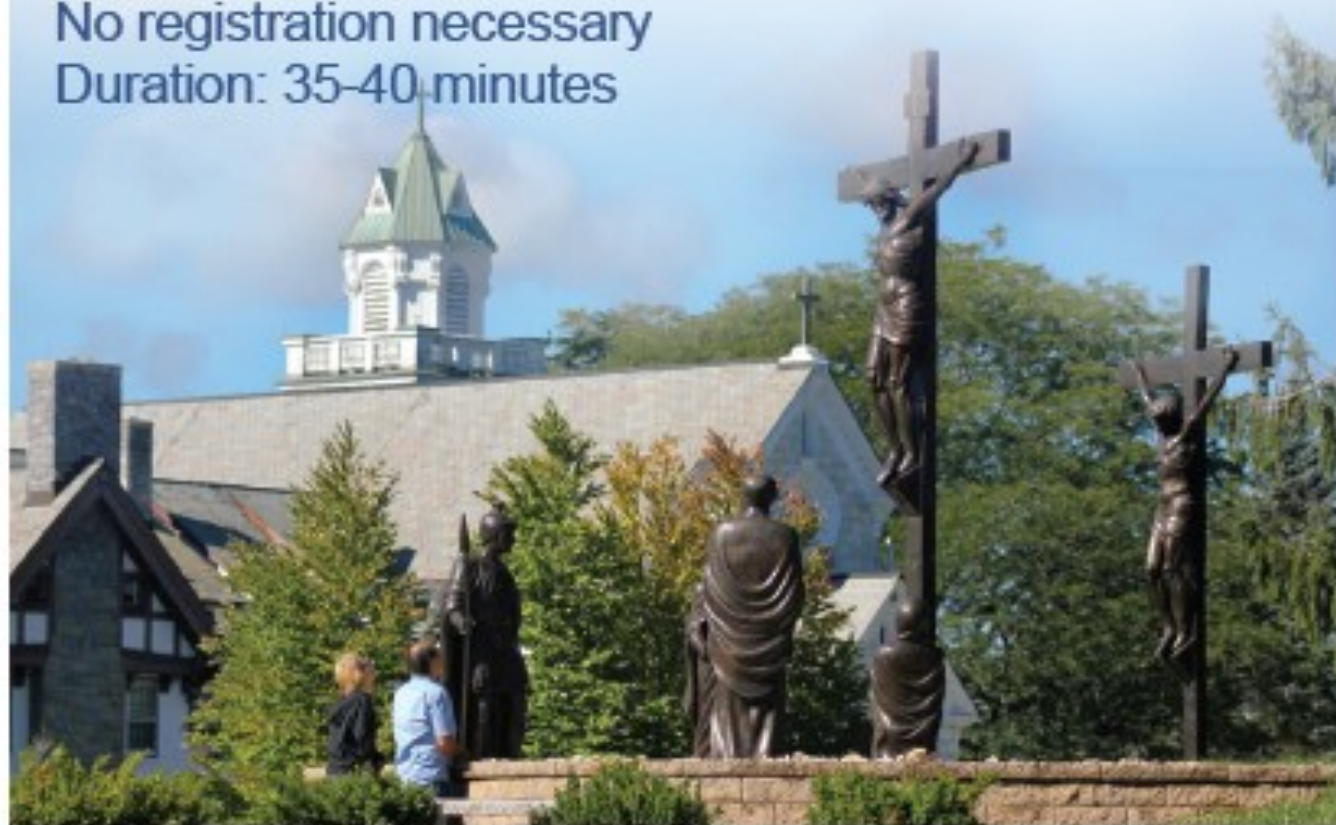


Meet in front of the National Shrine at 10:50 a.m.

(weather permitting)

No registration necessary

Duration: 35-40 minutes



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**THE MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY
PRAYER GROUP**

invites you to a

Healing Mass

**ON THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY**



January 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Jason Lewis, MIC

February 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Michael Callea, MIC

March 26th

Celebrant: Fr. Bob Vennetti, MIC

April 30th

Celebrant: Fr. Daniel Klimek, MIC

May 28th

Celebrant: Fr. Tyler Mentzer, MIC

June 25th

Celebrant: Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC

July 30th

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August 27th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

September 24th

*Celebrant: Fr. Tom Reilly
Healing Ministry,
Archdiocese of Boston*

October 29th

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

The Healing Mass is sponsored by the Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group. Our prayer group meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA. Weather-related cancellations will be announced on radio stations WSBS AM 860 Great Barrington; WBEC FM 105.5 Pittsfield; WUPE AM 1110 Pittsfield, & WTIC AM 1080, Hartford, CT.

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from the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
(open to the public)

the First Fridays and First Saturdays

each month making reparation to

*The Sacred Heart
of Jesus and
The Immaculate
Heart of Mary.*

Livestreaming:
First Fridays
8 p.m.

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Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16, 2026

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Confessions

1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life

2:00 p.m. Holy Mass

- With Investiture in the
Brown Scapular

3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Benediction
- Blessing of Religious Articles
- Blessing with a Relic
of St. Faustina



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Join the Marian Fathers for a full day of celebration
dedicated to the Latino pilgrims!

Encuentro Latino 2026

Saturday, August 1

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY
in Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Special Guests



Catechesis:
**Deacon José
Correa Pacheco**



Our Lady of Guadalupe
pilgrim Image:
Vivian Mestey



Principal Celebrant:
**Fr. Dante
Agüero, MIC**



Puppet show:
**Fr. Andy
Davy, MIC**



Masters of Ceremonies:
Alberto Rosario



Naida Costa



Music:
**Saint Michael the
Archangel Ministry**



Folk Dancing:
Illusion

Spiritual Presentations Schedule

9:30 am: Introduction (In the food tent)

9:45 am: Latino music
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

9:55 am: Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrim image
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

10:00 am: Testimony (Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

10:15 am: Catechesis – Deacon José Correa Pacheco
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

11:00 am: Holy Mass
Principal Celebrant: **Fr. Dante Agüero, MIC**
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

12:45 pm: Puppet show. Ethnic folk dancing. Piñatas
(next to the food tent)

2:00 pm: Rosary and Procession
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

**3:00 pm: The Hour of Great Mercy and Chaplet of
the Divine Mercy, Benediction with
Blessed Sacrament, blessing of religious
articles, and raffle of a Divine Mercy image.**
(Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine)

8:00 am — 4:30 pm: Gift Shop

9:00 am — 5:00 pm:

- ✠ Candles Shrines, Lourdes Grotto and Oratory
- ✠ Confessions (Spanish and English)
- ✠ Kids crafts ✠ Oil in Honor of Saint Faustina

Food Sold All Day

All Encuentro Latino events will be in Spanish

For more information to register a bus, or to volunteer, please call: **1-800-462-7426, Ext.3**
or visit us at: LaDivinaMisericordia.org/encuentrolatino • ShrineofDivinemercy.org/encuentro-latino
Please note: Buses must be registered for this event. To locate us by GPS use this address: 11 Pine Street, Stockbridge, MA 01262.



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Shrine Bulletin Board



Blessed Oil of St. Faustina

Oil blessed in
honor of St. Faustina
is available at the Shrine
Reception desk.

A suggested donation of
\$5.00 which would go to
support Shrine Ministries.



The Gift Shop
is
open daily
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4:30pm

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**Pray the Divine Mercy
Chaplet for the Dying**
LIVE with Fr. Mark Baron, MIC

Fridays, 3 p.m. EDT

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Do you feel called to a religious vocation?

VOCATION DIRECTOR

“I’m so glad you’re here.”

Father Donald Calloway, MIC, welcomes you to the Marian Vocation Office in the Marian House of Studies, Steubenville, Ohio.

Just by coming to this page, you’ve shown that you are open to wherever our Lord is calling you.

Whether or not your vocation is as a religious—and whether or not you’re called to the Marians of the Immaculate Conception—I’m here to help you.

Please look through the information we have prepared for you in the Vocation section. If you would like to

glad to send you printed information on the Marians of the Immaculate Conception.

From my own experience, I can tell you that my Congregation is totally consecrated to Mary Immaculate, faithful to authentic Church teaching, obedient to the Pope and Magisterium, and intensely Eucharistic.

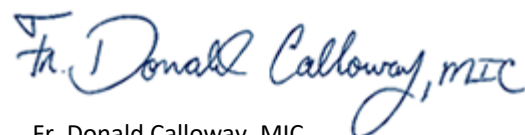
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You may ask or tell me anything in confidence. You will not receive any phone calls or materials without your request.

Discerning a vocation takes prayer, time, and guidance. Please use this prayer to help you consider where God is calling you.

May our Merciful Savior bless you and guide you.

In the love of Mary Immaculate.



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Vocation Director
<https://marian.org/vocations>



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VOCATION PRAYER

*Hail Mary, full of grace;
all generations call you blessed.*

*Hail Mother of God, when asked by the angel
to bear the Son of the Most High,
filled with faith, you responded:
“Let it be done unto me.”*

*Holy Mother of Jesus,
at the wedding feast at Cana,
you prompted your Son to perform His first sign.*

*Be with us as we discern our life’s work
and guide us in the way we are called to follow
in the footsteps of your Son.*

*Holy Mother of the Savior,
at the foot of the Cross
you mourned the death of your only Son.*

*Bless and embrace the loving parents
of all priests,
deacons, brothers and sisters.*

*Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd,
turn your motherly care to this nation.*

*Interceded for us to the Lord of the harvest
to send more laborers to the harvest
in this land dedicated to your honor.*

*Queen of Peace, Mirror of Justice,
Health of the Sick
inspire vocations in our time.*

*Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew
in the lives of persons anxious to proclaim
the good news of everlasting life.
Amen.*

*Prayer from the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops*



MARIANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Yes, I want to Help!



How to help

Please visit www.marian.org/ukraine/ to make a donation for Ukraine relief.

One-hundred percent of funds received are sent directly to Ukraine and used to purchase humanitarian aid and medical supplies.

Please do not mail medical supplies to Ukraine! Instead, please contact the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy: **1-877-380-0727** or e-mail ministry@sprynet.com to answer any of your questions.

Because shipping via container is more cost effective, we prefer whatever monetary donations you can give rather than you sending medical supplies. Please know that boxes previously sent to the Marians or the EADM office were sent to Project C.U.R.E. and will be on future containers.

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The Image of Divine Mercy

I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I myself will defend it as my own glory. *(Diary 48)*

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). 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 (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.

Many different versions of this image have been painted, but our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important. When St. Faustina first saw the original image that was being painted under her direction, she wept in disappointment and complained to Jesus: "Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?" (313).

In answer, she heard these words: "Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace" (313).



Jesus, I Trust in You