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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent speaks about a journey into the heart, to seek the face of God. It is a pilgrimage, a place of conversion. We accomplish this by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and we strive to live out the fruit of this conversion in the community of the Church (Mt.6, 1-6, 16-18).

Recently I have become aware that when we look into the world and see so much that is not right we have a tendency to want to point fingers. The government should do this, the school system should do that, and parents need to take a greater responsibility to educate their children in the practice of the faith. And on it goes.



When we are busy looking at what others are not doing, it is in part, because perhaps we are not doing. When we become actively involved in the building of the Kingdom of God, in serving the Lord and His Church, our focus becomes not what others are not doing but rather the joy of the difference that we are making.

Often times we feel alone in the battle against this 'Culture of Death' and so a sense of helplessness can set in. We can become discouraged.

It is with this in mind that I joyfully tell you that the John Paul II Centre is bringing the **Knights of Divine Mercy to Ottawa!** It is a community of men rooted in prayer with hearts striving to reclaim the sacredness of their own lives and homes and parishes. It is rooted in a desire to win back the holy land as the knights of old went on Crusades for the kingdom and glory of God.

Ours is not a violent battle with others but a battle fought in our own hearts with the principalities of darkness. The kingdom of God is taken with violence. (Mt.11, vs12) It is fought against Satan and self and the battleground is the soul.

We hope to have our first gathering soon. We will keep you informed. The format for the evenings is, Adoration from 5pm until 6:30pm followed by mass and discussion about who and what the Knights are all about.

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We make this appeal to all men of the Archdiocese to see this as part of your Lenten journey, part of your seeking the face of God.

To know more knightsfordivinemercy.com

The Centre is also in the process of bringing to the diocese, if it the Lord's will, a movement of women rooted in prayer with Mary wanting to offer themselves to God as spiritual mother to priests, to pray for their sanctification. These **Women of the Eucharist** pray in their parishes for their pastors and will hopefully gather at a regional level each month again to pray and engage in an understanding with respect to what and why the Church teaches as it does. There will be a strong emphasis on catechesis. Please pray for this endeavor and we will keep you up to date.

For more information go to www.mercypope.org and click on **Women of the Eucharist**.

Pope John XXIII once said that, "When people are animated by the charity of Christ they feel united, the needs, the sufferings, and the joys of another are felt as their own."

As we pray, fast, and give alms, (give of ourselves) let us gather in this 'common union' where we become 'communion'.

In His Mercy

Fr. Dan

Cenacle News

The **Knights of Divine Mercy** are coming to Ottawa!

Men, as part of your Lenten journey,
come to St. Martin de Porres
on Friday, April 1st for

Adoration and Confession
between 5 pm and 6:30 pm

Mass at 6:30 pm
with a discussion to follow.

A reminder and invitation
to celebrate

Divine Mercy Sunday

at
St. Martin de Porres Parish
from 2-4 pm

Reflection, sung Caplet and
St. Faustina's Way of the Cross.

All are welcome!

Knights of Divine Mercy

First Meeting – Friday April 1, 2011
St Martin De Porres Parish
3891 Richmond Road, Nepean, Ontario, K2H 5C1

Theme: Knights of Divine Mercy Overview /
Do we know our faith? (Catholic 201)

Celebrant: Father Dan Dubroy

Schedule: 5:00 – 6:30 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
6:30 – 7:00 Celebration of Holy Mass
7:00 – 8:30 Introduction to Knights of Divine Mercy / How well do we know our
faith? (Catholic 201)
8:30 – 9:30 Coffee / Snacks

RSVP: Mike Seguin – email: sequinfamily@primus.ca
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**Divine Mercy Wisdom: Regarding all those who will proclaim God's Mercy, I
(Jesus) shall protect them Myself at the hour of death, as My
own glory. (378)**

Goals for Knights: The goals of the Knights of Divine Mercy is to journey together and
reclaim the sacred ground of our hearts as men so we can be-
come the men that God has called us all to be – holy men. We
strive to do this thru prayer, adoration, mass and learning about
our faith together as men. We will continue to fight back against
the sins of the world that are affecting each of us today such as
anger, strife, pornography, addictions and greed.



"Not to hurt the creatures brethren is our first duty to them,

but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission -

to be of service to them wherever they require it."

Saint Francis of Assisi--
Patron Saint of Animals



Saint Faustina was beatified on April 18, 1993 and canonized on April 30, 2000.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter (which is the first Sunday after Easter).

Women of the Eucharist



At the Annunciation, Mary's Fiat, (Lk, 1 vs 26 ff) opens her to the title, Woman of the Eucharist and her offering in thanksgiving makes her Mother of this Eucharistic Lord who is Jesus Christ! (Pope John Paul II)

She experiences, in this union, a kind of transubstantiation as she takes to herself the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Lord who is this eternal Eucharist of the Father.

She, among all women, is worthy of such a title, being conceived without Original Sin and full of grace, her womb is truly blessed (Lk, 1 vs 39 ff).

On December 8, 2007, the Solemnity of this Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father reached out to the whole of the Catholic world by asking, through the Congregation for the Clergy, that each diocese establish adoration chapels or shrine churches to pray specifically for priests and vocations to the priesthood.

Although Mary is both Woman and Mother of the Eucharist, without the priest, there is no continuation of this saving and sacred action and so the Pope asks every woman in the Catholic world to exercise her spiritual maternity, to become both a Woman and Mother of the Eucharist in imitation of the Mother of God.

St. Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, as the Apostle of the Divine Mercy, embraced such action during her lifetime. Through prayer and suffering, she affected a movement making present the message Jesus asked her to carry to the world.

It is this message that the Women of the Eucharist lives out as their call, to be a Bethany as Faustina suggests where Jesus may come to rest (Diary, 735). As women surrendered in union with their God, they pray, Father for the sake of His sorrowful passion (His Eucharist) have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy has taken up this initiative by inviting all women to become a eucharist, a host, (Diary, 641) as in thanksgiving, to offer her life to Jesus for His priests.

Please keep this intention in your prayers as we listen for the Lord's will.

MIHI VIVERE CHRISTUS EST

***V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.***

The Works of Mercy

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty.
- To clothe the naked.
- To visit and ransom the captives.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To bury the dead.



“The cemetery of the victims of human cruelty in our century is extended to include yet another vast cemetery, that of the unborn.”

Pope John Paul II

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To admonish sinners.
- To instruct the ignorant.
- To counsel the doubtful.
- To comfort the sorrowful.
- To bear wrongs patiently.
- To forgive all injuries.
- To pray for the living and the dead

“For those who believe, no proof is necessary.”

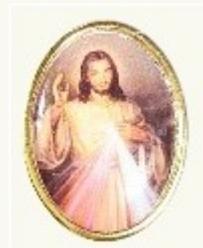
For those who don't believe, no proof is possible. “

God's Divine Mercy thru prayer and love

God's Divine Mercy thru prayer and love:

A beautiful young woman, Simone Dear who battled with diabetes, since she was 15 died recently in the prime of her life, she left behind a young son and husband.

A call went out for prayers to the Divine Mercy community in Ottawa for prayers prior to her death.



After Simone died we received the following email from our community:

Although I did not know Simone personally but when I got your first email about her need for prayer I felt a special call from our Lord to comply right away. I said a special prayer the first day and was saddened by the news so soon after that that she had passed away. Also during this time two friends of mine from Madonna House passed away and, I had asked that a mass be offered up for all three souls the next day.

After the mass I stopped by my room to say a Divine Mercy Chaplet for all three of them and as I was reciting it, I asked for a sign to confirm that they were indeed welcomed into heaven with "Divine Mercy" and at that moment the lights went out twice causing the smoke detector (which is hooked up to the power supply) to beep each time and I felt a blessing in my spirit that this was a sign that they were as I had prayed, then I thought, hey that was only two beeps and I was praying for three people, and at that moment the lights dimmed again and the smoke detector beeped a third time. And with that I heard a gentle, whimsical, voice in my heart say "that one was from Simone."

I feel like I have made a new friend now, one I have never met. I now say the chaplet of Divine Mercy daily for all our beloved departed ones, God is so gracious, loving and merciful.

In the love of Christ,
John
Divine Mercy Apostle

FAUSTINA'S CREED

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THE DUTY OF THE MOMENT THAT I MOST OFTEN FAIL TO OBEY,
I WILL DO MY VERY BEST TO IMPROVE.

I WILL KEEP SILENT BEFORE OTHERS WHO GRUMBLE.

I MUST TAKE NO HEED OF THE OPINION OF OTHERS.

I MUST DO EVERYTHING AND ACT IN ALL MATTERS NOW
AS I WOULD LIKE TO DO AND ACT AT THE HOUR OF MY DEATH.

IN EVERY ACTION I MUST BE MINDFUL OF GOD.

I MUST BE FAITHFUL IN MY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES.

I MUST HAVE GREAT APPRECIATION FOR
EVEN THE MOST MINUTE TASK.

I MUST NOT LET MYSELF BECOME ABSORBED IN
THE WHIRL OF WORK,
BUT TAKE A BREAK TO LOOK UP TO HEAVEN.

I MUST SPEAK LITTLE WITH PEOPLE, BUT A GOOD DEAL WITH GOD.

I MUST PAY LITTLE ATTENTION AS TO WHO IS FOR ME
AND WHO IS AGAINST ME.

I MUST NOT TELL OTHERS ABOUT THOSE THINGS
I HAVE HAD TO PUT UP WITH.

I MUST MAINTAIN PEACE AND EQUANIMITY DURING
TIMES OF SUFFERING.

IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS I MUST TAKE REFUGE IN
THE WOUNDS OF JESUS;
I MUST SEEK CONSOLATION, COMFORT, LIGHT AND
AFFIRMATION IN THEM.

IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS I WILL TRY TO SEE THE LOVING
HAND OF GOD.

O JESUS, I WILL LET NO ONE SURPASS ME IN LOVING YOU!

St. Therese of Lisieux

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus June 9



On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus June 9, 1895, St. Therese of Lisieux felt drawn to compose a prayer to Merciful Love. In this prayer, she offered herself as a victim, holocaust, and a martyr to love. She conveyed to her sisters it was not a prayer of fear, for it was not prayed to a God of justice but to His Mercy.



Her prayer was not about the harshness of victimization but of intimacy and union with God. It was a willingness to surrender to Love. Offering herself as a holocaust, she did not envision a fire of violence but of a union with God in a purifying and transforming fire, a God of tenderness.

She wanted at each beat of her heart to fall out of love with self and to fall in love more fully with the God that she knew was so in love with her.

She believed that everything served only to glorify the Mercy of God! She offered this prayer through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

We have printed the last section of it for your consideration. There are a number of people in the Divine Mercy community who now pray this prayer each day. It is a prayer that helps leads us out of the desert of self into the light of Divine Mercy. It seems an appropriate prayer for our Lenten journey.

“In order to live in one single act of perfect love, I OFFER MYSELF AS A VICTIM OF HOLOCAUST TO YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE, asking you to consume me unceasingly, allowing the waves of infinite tenderness shut up within you to overflow into my soul, so that I may become a martyr of your love, O my God!

May this martyrdom, after having prepared me to appear before, finally cause me to die and may my soul take its flight without any delay into the embrace of Your Merciful love.



I want O my Beloved, at each beat of my heart to renew this offering to you an infinite number of times, until the shadows having disappeared I may be able to tell you of my love in an Eternal face to face!”

Therese Martin died of tuberculosis on 30 September 1897, at the early age of twenty-four. Her last words before she died as she looked at her crucifix were an expression of her Faith and Love for God. "I am not dying," she said to the assembled Sisters in the Convent, "I am entering eternal life."

© Father Joe White, Parish of St Therese's, Stansted



"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth", was one of her sayings. When someone once said that "life is sad", she replied : "No, life is not sad; exile is sad. Life is a beautiful word, and we ought to keep it for the things that never die. "



St. Therese of Lisieux

One of God's Miracles...

It was Sunday, October 31st and as usual, I was to take my Mother to mass at 11 o'clock. I usually arrive at her home around 10. That day however, I woke up early and something told me to go there early. I felt a sense of urgency so I drove over there at 7:30 that morning.



She was in bed when I arrived but I noticed that she had been up and had eaten a small amount of her breakfast. She began coughing. A terrible heaving cough that wouldn't stop. I insisted we go to the hospital and finally she agreed.

When the paramedics arrived they detected a heart arrhythmia and transported my Mom to the Civic Hospital emergency. The next 24hrs were uneventful although doctors could not detect where the problem was coming from... the heart or the lungs.

Suddenly my Mom couldn't breathe properly. She began very intense laboured breathing that they could not control. The decision was made to intubate her.

As her power of attorney I was asked...what I wanted to do..how far did I want them to go...did I realize the risks given her condition and her age. She is 85.

Although my Mother is tiny, she is sharp, strong willed, active and is basically a 50 year old in spirit. I told them to take all measures necessary and we would deal with the results as they happened.

I also knew that once intubated she may never come out of it. That this could be the last time I would see her conscious.

The next time I saw my Mother she was on full life support. They did so in the Emergency room as they felt her condition was so serious that she could not survive being transported the short distance to the adjoining Heart Institute.

She had a device inserted through her artery that pumped her heart, a tube through her mouth that forced her to breathe, a tube for feeding and several injection sites for medications to keep her alive. The diagnosis was bad. Doctors felt she could not survive this as her heart was functioning at only 10 percent. She was moved to the ICU in the Heart Institute that same night and our wait began.

The next morning I brought in her rosary. I placed the crucifix in her clutched hand and wrapped the beads around it. I pull my chair up to her bed and I covered her hand in mine and in a voice loud enough for her to hear me, we prayed the chaplet. I asked God to bring her back...to help her survive and if His plan was to take her then to please change His mind and let her stay.

I immediately felt a very strong sense of peace and I knew at that moment that she would live and be fine.

This was not the case for everyone else. My family, the doctors, the nurses, the priests, her friends and mine, all assumed she would die. They looked at me with pity in their eyes when I told them she would live. No one, not one person had any hope for her survival.

It is interesting that when we can do no more to save a person we assume that God is taking her. We forget that God gives us miracles and I knew that we were going to get one.

I remember reading sometime afterwards that if you pray for something, and really believe you will get it, you will. When I prayed for my Mother, I knew God would give her back to me, I knew it and He did.

She survived each process beyond the odds. The heart pump removal was critical. They asked again how far I wanted to go with resuscitation. Did I realize that if resuscitation was necessary and she survived, it could result in her being brain dead. Yes, I knew this but again, I knew this wouldn't happen.

My family prepared for the worst knowing that as she was wheeled down to the lab this was the last time they would see her alive.

A few hours later something amazing happened. My Mother survived the pump removal and her heart began beating on its own. Her arteries that were expected to be blocked were completely clear. There was no damage whatsoever in her arteries. Doctors were shocked and could not explain what had happened here. The heart had taken a massive hit but no one knew why or what the cause was. All they knew was that it was now beating on its own.

My Mother was on full life support for 11 days. She came through each process as I knew she would. Why did I know...because God told me she would. There is always hope always no matter how bad things are.

My sister asked me how did I know she would make it when the best doctors in the world expected she wouldn't. God told me the moment I began the chaplet. I knew at that very moment that things would be alright.

I remember the first time I looked at my Mom in the ICU and I thought there is absolutely nothing I can do at this point but pray and so pray I did...the Chaplet when I was with her, the Rosary when I was in the waiting room and a novena to St Teresa to bring her back better than before.

All my prayers were answered. After 7 weeks she came home and is now up and about. She is redecorating her condo and God willing, will be 86 in May

**The John Paul II
Centre
for
Divine Mercy**

**We are the
Easter people
and our song is
Alleluia!**

Our Mission...

Our mission as brothers and sisters of one Father in Christ, is to announce through the power of the Holy Spirit, the mercy of God to all people and by our presence to help parishes be more conscious of this mystery, all under the protection of Mary the Mother of Mercy. Our lives are rooted in the Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation and in this belonging we are faithful to the Holy Father.

"And if at times he, (modern man), lacks the courage to utter the word mercy or if in his conscience empty of religious content, he does not find the equivalent, so much greater is the need for the Church to utter this word, not only in her own name but also in the name of all the men and women of our time."

(Dives in Misericordia, 15)

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Contributions to our Newsletter

The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy is providing this newsletter to keep you informed of the latest news and events that are happening around Divine Mercy.

The newsletter will be published throughout the year as news and events occur.

We welcome and encourage you to submit information about your cenacle groups and/or articles you would like to share with other groups.

Submissions from individuals or any other groups within the diocese are also welcomed.

If for any reason you decide that you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you simply need to email us at:

info@mercypope.org

and we will remove you from the list.

Thank you in advance for joining us in our efforts to help spread the message of Divine Mercy.

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Act Of Contrition

*O my God,
I am heartily sorry for
having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins,
because I dread the
loss of heaven,
and the pains of hell;*

*but most of all because
they offend Thee,
my God,
Who are all good and
deserving of all
my love.*

*I firmly resolve,
with the help of Thy
grace
to confess my sins,
to do penance
and to amend my life.*

Amen.