

“Father...
...*forgive them...*”

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

MISSION OF DIVINE MERCY ♦ LENT 2016



The new Outdoor Rosary — see page 5

Maria Felicitas & Co.

As we prepare this newsletter (February 18), Maria Felicitas — though thinner and a bit more tired — continues to impress us with her strong presence at the new OCC kitchen; and we give profound thanks to the Lord for her. As Commander-in-Chief for the dining facilities she still manages to galvanize and direct her Corp of Volunteers as they feed wave upon wave of different retreat groups this spring.

“*Jesús, María!*” is her familiar invocation — in petition, love and gratitude — as she goes through her day. Ours is *Deo gratias!* ♦



FROM FR. JOHN MARY:

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"

A Path for Hope and Mercy

These words of Our Lord open up a great perspective on the mercy and hope that is so needed today.

As a Priest, these words of Christ come to my mind so often when listening to people confessing sins of the past and painfully realizing so much that they weren't aware of at the time. Or when hearing people share their concerns about the sins and failings of their loved ones.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has declared for the Church, and as we prepare to commemorate the Lord's Passion, let us take a moment to reflect on the Light that these words shed.

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM

It is one thing to say these words when something doesn't directly affect us. These words are much *harder to say* when we are the ones suffering; and *in this case* suffering an atrocious injustice. For Our Lord to say them at the very time when He is hanging crucified reveals a *new Force* in the dark history of humanity--- a Force of Divine Mercy.

And as the God-Man Who knows all — Who knows the depths of the human heart — what is it that He presents to the Father in order to win for us God's mercy? He presents our ignorance; "They do not know what they are doing."

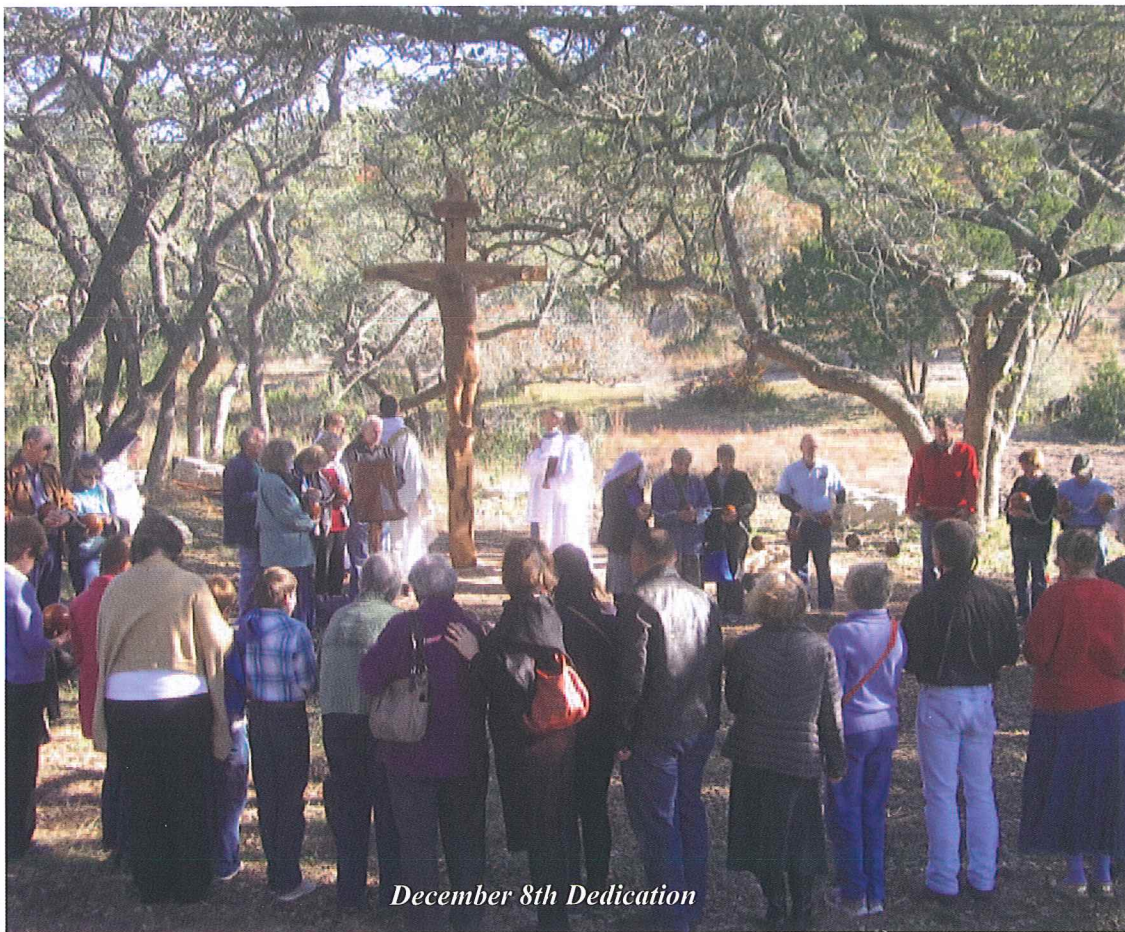
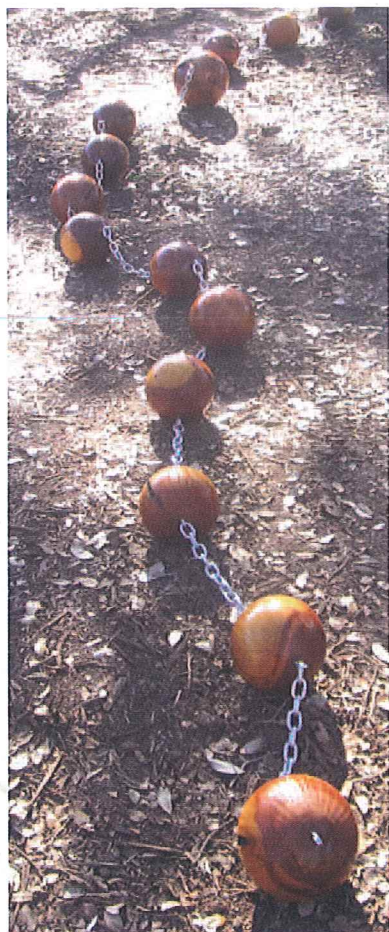
Since the very first sin of Adam and Eve, we see this pattern of the evil one: He hides the full consequences of our acts; he confuses, manipulates and distorts. He lies and spins. He hides the hook in the bait. And we bite.

Only God knows the knowledge and responsibility of each person involved in sin. These words certainly do not remove all our human responsibility. *But they reveal a path for mercy.*

"THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO"

I think of these words when I hear of people who have given up on going to Mass or on the truth of their Catholic Faith. Do they really understand what they are doing?

Or how often does a young person get involved in drugs, or alcohol, or sex and become



December 8th Dedication

addicted to that sin before he or she realizes the consequences?

And how many times does someone enter into a disordered marriage situation or a relationship without seeing clearly the bitter consequences?

TODAY

We live in times of great confusion and evil.

But also times of great Mercy. How often does Our Crucified Lord look down on His children today and repeat these words, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do"?

These words are an invitation to approach Our Merciful Lord with our sinfulness, our misery and our ignorance, confiding ourselves completely to His Mercy. And confiding all our misled brothers and sisters as well.

Let me conclude with these words of Our Lord to St Faustina:

"My daughter, ...nothing will stop Me from granting you graces. Your misery does not hinder My Mercy....the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My Mercy; urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My Mercy, because I want to save them all. On the Cross, the fountain of My Mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded!"

(From the Diary of St. Faustina #1182) ♦

The Rosary that the Mission Grew

On December 8, 2015 — the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy — the Mission of Divine Mercy dedicated our newly installed Outdoor Rosary.

For those in attendance, the simple ceremony was surprisingly moving. Since the beads had not yet been attached to their ground supports, each person was invited to hold a bead as the group prayed a decade of the Rosary. And while each person brought his own needs and intentions to this event, much of the morning's emotion was evoked by the rough-hewn Corpus of the Suffering Servant; with His Hands flexed in agony. Everyone wanted to know more of the story behind the carving of this unique Rosary.

The Rosary was carved from cedar and oak grown on Mission property and is the creation of Bill Wylie, a long-time friend of the Mission. From his earliest days at the Mission, Bill would wander over the property, trying, as he says, to “soak up the holiness.”

At some point he began to think about the idea of a large outdoor Rosary.

“For years I dreamed, sketched, studied and procrastinated. But the earliest note I have on actually doing something about a Rosary is August, 2014.”

Previously, Bill had designed an instrument that allowed him to turn discarded cedar logs into spheres. Now, with the Rosary in mind, he used this tool to create beads that are approximately six inches in diameter.

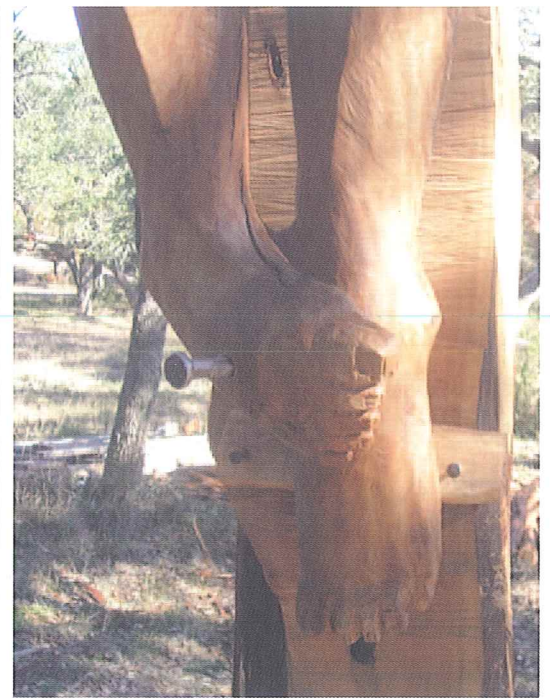
“I worked on and off until mid-November of that year when it just got too



cold to work outside. About that time, I told the Mission about it. Up until then I'd been concentrating on shaping the beads, and the Rosary was mine. But after offering the Rosary to the Mission, the job became, in my mind, an unofficial commission. There was no turning back; it had to be finished.

“Next May when the weather was warm, I began carving the ‘medal’ at the junction of the Rosary. It would be a Divine Mercy medal. Carving it brought a strong feeling of the Presence of Jesus. I sensed that He was watching with interest as I carved.”

The Corpus was carved from a Live Oak log that Bill had noticed on several occasions before claiming it for his work. The arms came from the same log, but higher up where the tree split into two large branches. “I thought for a long time about how it would all come together. I always pray to St. Joseph for help with my carpentry. He runs the shop. And often when something seems particularly difficult, I ask Jesus to cut for me. He always comes through.



"I began studying how the Corpus was described in the book 'Poem of the Man God,' and then studying the oak log that contained the future Corpus. I began to feel a strong kinship with Jesus, and I felt that the Rosary no longer belonged to me; it was Jesus'."

The Corpus is that of a Man just over six feet tall. In his adult life Bill had only ever carved two other things, the largest being about 15 inches high. While studying the log to see how the Corpus would fit, Bill noticed a hole in the log and made a mental note that he would probably have to fill it in. But as the body began to take shape, Bill realized that the hole in the log corresponded with the wound in Jesus' side made by the centurion's lance. "I think that I am finally learning 'Thy Will be done,' so I didn't force my interpretation of the wound. But I don't think that the hole was positioned in the log by chance."

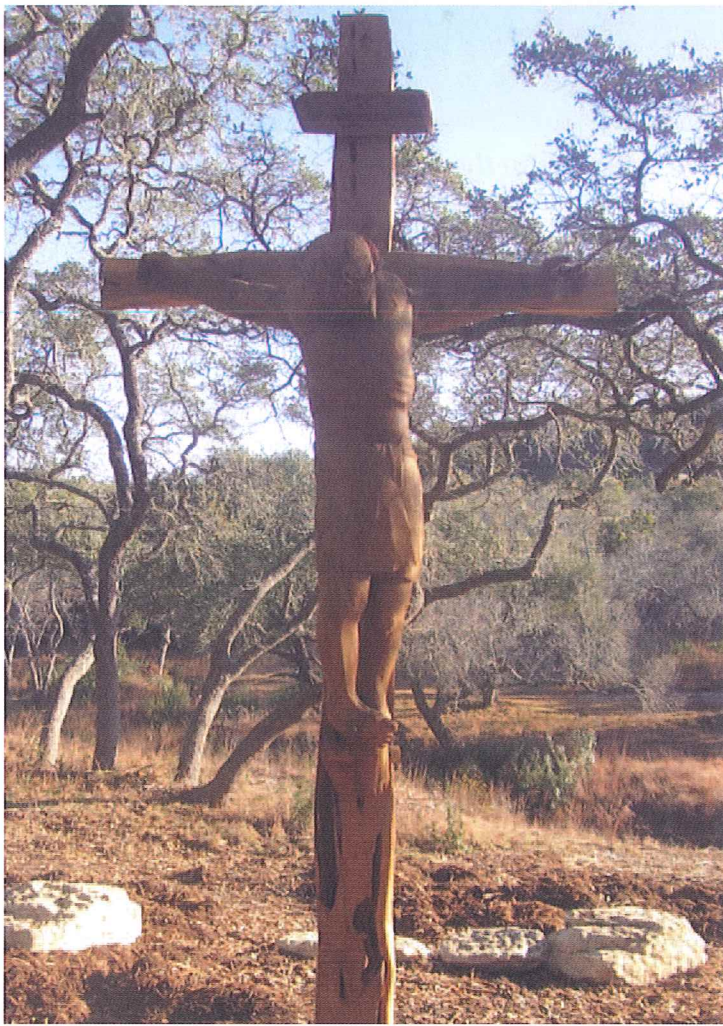
"In mid-November I was working on the left side of His Face. The left side of His Face was so beat up I felt like I was actually responsible for it. My mind kept telling me 'You're only showing it like it was!' But that didn't make me feel any better. I wanted to

make His Face look less tortured. It was a bad feeling.

"On December 1st, I bought the materials that I would need to make the nails, and I modified a long drill bit to drill His Feet for the nail. It felt like I was preparing an instrument of torture. It didn't feel good. I drilled the Feet. It was a very upsetting feeling. Drove the nail. Empathy began to merge with revulsion. Next day I drilled and nailed the Hands. Same ugly feeling that had lasted all night was recurring with a vengeance."

On December 7th, the day before the dedication, the Crucifix was fixed in place, with the help of five men and a strong set of scaffolding. With three feet buried below ground level, it stands 14 feet tall. The Corpus alone weighs about 400 pounds. The installation required a good deal of planning and engineering skill.

"When we stepped back to view the Crucifix standing upright and on its own the thought, 'It is finished. I have crucified Him!' came to my mind and I forced it to the back of my consciousness. 'Just did what I was told; not my fault.' But somehow I wasn't entirely



convinced.

“The next day Fr. John Mary’s beautiful blessing and dedication vaulted me into temporary celebrity status--- which is not my comfort zone. Many people congratulated me on the Rosary and especially on the Crucifix. Three people asked me about the emotions I might have felt during the process, especially in nailing the Corpus. Two of them confided that they had had similar experiences.

“Most of the people who spoke to me, spoke about the presence of the Rosary here at the Mission. I just know that if the Mission weren’t here, I would never have made this Rosary. And even though I made the Rosary, there is much more at that Shrine than I put there.” ♦

**“Blessed be the Lord,
for He has wondrously shown me
His Merciful love...”**

(From Psalm 31(32))



YEAR OF THE BRANDONS

Two young Texans - both named "Brandon" but with distinctly different histories - entered our St. Gabriel's Institute (SGI) program this fall.



Brandon Wittkopp, twenty-six, is the oldest son of Joe and Martha Wittkopp of San Marcos.

As a teenager Brandon was not very involved with his Parish. Most of his energy, interest, and time was devoted to soccer. But a knee injury sidelined that activity. And entering his twenties Brandon found himself more and more engaged by the articles that appeared in their diocesan paper – articles on theology; the Sacraments; and the lives of the Saints. Eventually he found himself frequently pursuing information about his Faith online. “It’s really impressive,” says Father John Mary, “to see how much he learned on his own with the help of YouTube videos and Wikipedia sites.”

In 2013 he was confirmed.

Through his research he discovered the

Traditional Latin Mass and was drawn to the reverence that surrounded it. It was through seeking out the TLM that he arrived at the Mission.

“I joined the SGI program because I felt I needed to take some time to discern my vocation and to give some time to Our Lord; to grow closer to Our Lord and Our Lady.”

At this point he is discerning a vocation to consecrated life and the Priesthood, though he’s not sure whether or not that will be with MDM; so he asked to extend his time in the SGI for a second semester. He has, he says, found this year a good investment of his time and for his soul; he comments especially on the graces of silence and of the time for daily prayer.

Does he have any advice for young men today who are trying to follow Jesus more faithfully?

“To try to devote more time to listening to Him, especially in Holy Mass, in adoration, and in silent prayer.”



Brandon Hand, twenty, the older son of Curt and Vanetta Hand, is a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in New Braunfels. He comes from a family of hunters, a family that spends a lot of time outdoors. He is skilled not only in hunting but also in cleaning and preparing game. A recent Community dinner of spaghetti and ground venison offered proof of this.

The turning point in Brandon Hand’s faith life came at the beginning of his sopho-

more year at a Teen Acts retreat. Finding it hard to stay awake during the 3pm recitation of the Chaplet, he said he suddenly felt a “bolt” go through him from his head to his toes. He had no idea what had just happened; but he found himself filled with joy. He felt a responsibility to actively seek God in his life and also to watch out for those around him; to practice a conscious charity on their behalf.

He became very involved in Teen Acts and ultimately was part of the leadership team. Nonetheless he had no thoughts of a religious vocation and hoped to pursue a career as a natural gas engineer. But as he tried to move in that direction nothing seemed to work; and obstacle after obstacle arose.

One day in desperation he entered the Parish Adoration Chapel and put the question directly to the Lord: *“What do You want me to be?”*

“I wasn’t expecting a response, but a Voice then replied, ‘I want you to be a Priest.’ I said, ‘A Priest! Why should I be a Priest?’ God replied, ‘Don’t question Me. Just do it.’ I looked around and I was the only one there. I left that day thinking I was crazy, and I ignored what I heard.

“One month later after attending a Teen Acts retreat I decided to return to Adoration to see if I heard that Voice again. When I returned the Voice told me, ‘I want you to be a Priest, trust Me.’That lead me to where I am today.”



Brandon Hand became a Postulant at the end of December and is now discerning a vocation with MDM.

Does he have any advice for young Catholic men today? *“That the Lord’s plan for us grows out of His Perfect Love for us, and that all He asks is that we follow it. Trust in Him.*

“For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.’ (Romans8:13) God helped me to start living by the Spirit, and as a result I believe for one of the first times in my life, I started to truly live.” ♦

FROM THE PREAMBLE OF OUR COMMUNITY’S STATUTES:

*“Therefore the three bases upon which the Mission of Divine Mercy (MDM) is founded are
Faith in Jesus; Abandonment to the Father’s Will;
 and the adoration of and teaching concerning His **Divine Mercy.**
 All of this is lived under the protection and the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Woman of Faith and Abandonment par excellence, and our Mother of Mercy.”*

A Providential Year of Mercy...

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, as this newsletter goes to press, our first Encounter With Jesus retreat has just concluded and the second one is immediately ahead of us. We feel that the re-emergence of the EWJ during the Jubilee Year of Mercy seems to us like part of God's Providential plan for MDM and for our world. With the resumption of the EWJ we sense that we are entering a very significant era in our apostolic life as the Mission of Divine Mercy. Significant because we believe that this is one of the apostolates to which God has been leading us from the beginning. But it has been a long journey to get here.

The first EWJ retreats were held almost 20 years ago in Monterrey, Mexico; then in Hebbbronville, Texas, and in places as far away as California and Washington, D.C.; and finally in various places in and around New Braunfels and San Antonio. But holding the retreats in different locations involved hauling in a truckload of items needed to help transform these centers into places appropriate for our type of silent retreat. Also these centers usually lacked the natural surroundings where people could find the space and silence to be alone with God. We knew that we needed a retreat center of our own to offer retreats in the manner to which we



felt God was directing us.

Even after finding and making our home on 130 acres in the Hill Country, it has still been an uphill climb to prepare adequate retreat facilities. With the dedication of the O'Callaghan Divine Mercy Center last June we acquired our long-awaited kitchen, dining and conference facilities. Currently we have dormitory-style sleeping accommodations in St. Michael's Hall for 21 people; eventually we hope to bring that number to 70.

Our plans for this Spring include nine retreats between February and June. The Fall schedule is yet to be announced.

We ask that you keep the Mission in your prayers, both our apostolates and the fundraising needed to support them. The immediate future for our world, our country and even our Church is full of uncertainties, perhaps more than at any other time in our lives. More than ever before it is a time to seek and trust in God's Divine Mercy. ♦

**"Mankind will not find peace
until it turns with trust to My Mercy."**

— the words of Jesus to St. Faustina





San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio



Entering the Cathedral through the Holy Doors for a special Jubilee Year Mass



✠ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ✠

HOLY THURSDAY March 24

- 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Institution of the Eucharist
- Procession to the Altar of Repose
- Eucharistic Adoration until 10:30 p.m.
(bring a flashlight)

GOOD FRIDAY March 25

Day of silence and prayer

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please check our website for times.

- 9:00 a.m. outdoor walking Way of the Cross
- Veneration of the Holy Cross - *Quiet Time*
- 2:00 p.m. Service of the Passion
- Novena of Divine Mercy
(15 mins. After the Service of the Passion)
- MISSION CLOSSES AT 5:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY March 26

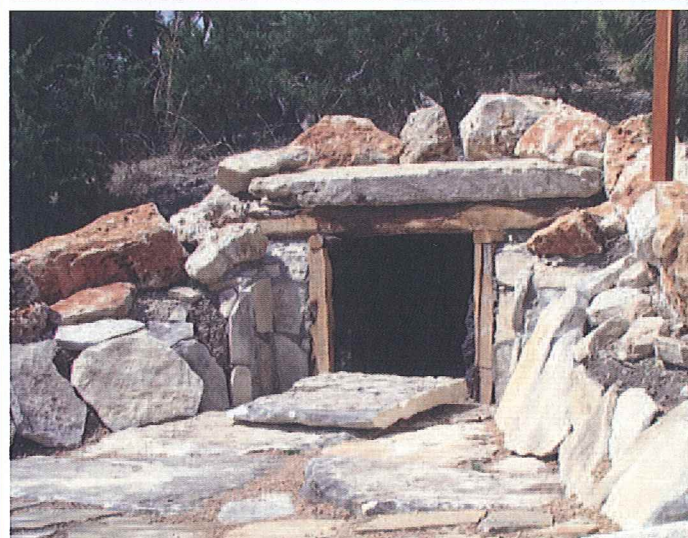
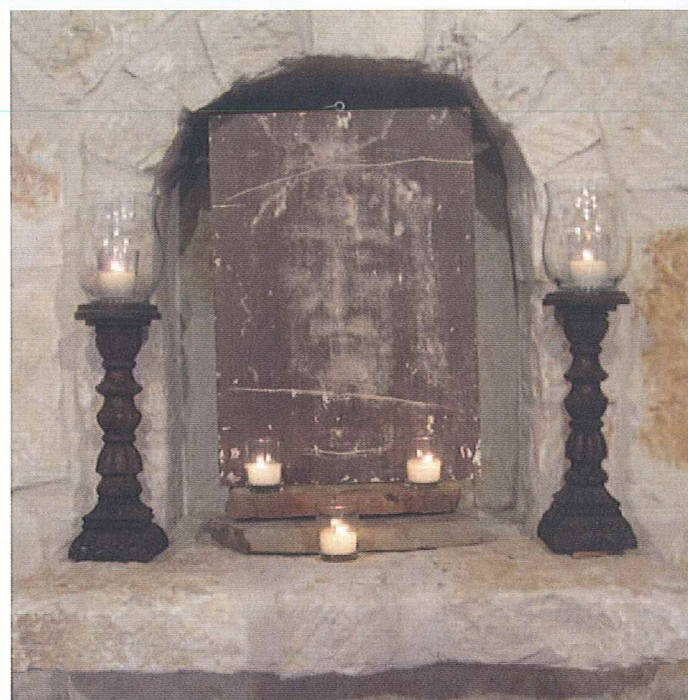
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. till noon.

MORNING:

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary and Meditations in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows
- Novena of Divine Mercy 10:30 a.m.
- MISSION CLOSSES AT NOON
(St. Joseph's Chapel will close at 11:00 a.m.)

EASTER SUNDAY March 27

- 6:00 a.m. Solemn Easter Vigil
- Breakfast Gathering



THE GREAT PASSAGE:



ANOTHER TRIDUUM RETREAT AT THE MISSION

The period of time between the Vigil of Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil is known as the Triduum. This short time is the most important liturgical time of the Church year. It is an intense spiritual journey during which we accompany Jesus, the Blessed Mother and the Disciples through the Last Supper, the Passion, the Death and the Resurrection. It is our salvation history in brief. And again we want to offer you the opportunity to live it in a new way.

Once again the Mission will offer a Triduum Retreat that will begin Holy Thursday evening and continue through Easter Sunday morning. It will include the traditional liturgical events of the Triduum as well as the special Mission events - the Walking Way of the Cross on Friday morning; the Vigil of the Sorrowful Mother on Saturday morning; and opportunities for Confession. All of these are open to the public whether or not a person has committed himself to the Retreat.

But there will also be certain events specifically for those who have registered to make the commitment as Retreatants. These will include special discussion sessions, periods of meditation, and certain meals at the Mission.

In living the Triduum as a three-day retreat, we encourage you to give God the entire period, much as you would on an ACTS or Cursillo retreat.

Unfortunately, we don't yet have the facilities to allow a mixed group to lodge on the Mission grounds. This means that retreatants will either have to return to their homes at night or go to a nearby motel. While these may not be ideal retreat conditions, even this sacrifice can be offered to Jesus, and can become part of this journey with and for Him.

We do want to stress the fact that the retreat schedule is flexible. We know that there may be family or other obligations that you may need to attend to. You are free to come and go as you please.

Registering for the Retreat:

For the complete retreat schedule, and to register, please go to our website, www.missionofdivinemercy.org, and look for "Triduum Retreat". You can also register by calling 830-302-9707. ♦

Bethany: EXPERIENCE THE POWER!

For those who may be new to the Mission, we would like to introduce you to the Bethany Association---which is another way of saying: *Friends of the Mission*. The Bethany Association is for everyone who considers himself a friend of the Mission, whether they visit the Mission regularly or have never come through the gates but keep up with us through newsletters or e-mails.

Bethany members are a true community of support for the Mission through their prayers, presence, volunteer efforts, and — for those who are able — financial contributions. But as we have said before, the Bethany Association is still in its infancy. With a current membership of over 800 people, its true impact and importance have not yet been fully explored by the Mission or experienced by its members. But God seems to be indicating that our associates have a valuable role to play in the Mission's future.

There are no requirements to become a member of Bethany, other than to want to be a friend of the Mission. But the MDM Community values the Bethany members and offers each Sunday Mass for them and their intentions,

as well as a special Novena of Masses at Christmas. And a Bethany Book with the names of all associates is kept next to the altar in the Community Chapel as a visual reminder during the Community's daily prayers.

As you can see, there is quite a powerful spiritual benefit in becoming a member of Bethany.

If you are not yet an associate, but would like to become one, just fill out the envelope that is included in this newsletter and return it to us. You will be added to the list of all those whose prayers support the Mission and who the Mission supports through prayer. ♦

EXPERIENCE THE POWER! ☺

Receive our Weekly E-mail Meditation

If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail Meditation from the Mission of Divine Mercy just send an e-mail request to emily@missionofdivinemeracy.org. For the Spanish version, send your request to retreats@missionofdivinemeracy.org.

Each week's Meditation usually includes a brief quote from St. Faustina's Diary, a photo from daily life at the Mission and updates on Community and Mission events. ♦



Keep the Wolves at Bay: *Introduce a Friend to the Mission!*

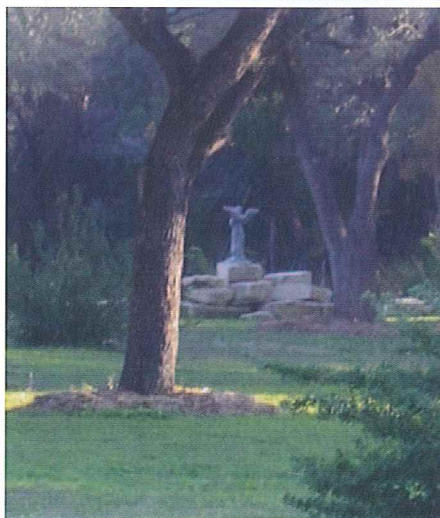
Meeting our operating expenses is a constant struggle. No matter how carefully we count the beans, the out-go is always greater than the income. Additional buildings require additional maintenance, public water systems need more upkeep than private, more cars need more repairs, young vocations need to be fed—darn them, health insurance only goes up and retreat preparations are expensive.

So first and foremost, we appreciate any and all financial donations, particularly the regular monthly kind. They help to keep the wolves away from the door.

But there is another way that you can help us and that is by inviting and introducing a friend to the Mission. It is a win-win-win situation in which we all benefit. *You* garner spiritual credits for your Christ-like action. *Your friend or family member* is exposed to the spiritual opportunities offered by the Mission. *MDM* benefits by fulfilling the ministry that God asks of us. And very likely *the Mission* will benefit because when new people experience the Mission they often are moved to support us financially. That is how we have survived and thrived.

So bring a friend with you next time. Or pass along this newsletter when you have finished reading it cover-to-cover! Introduce someone to our website, or tell them about our weekly e-mail meditation.

Say a prayer, send a check, bring a friend. All work! ♦



Welcome!

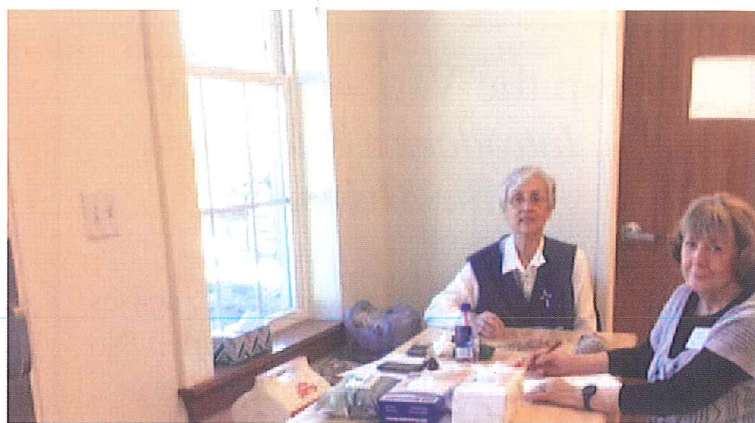
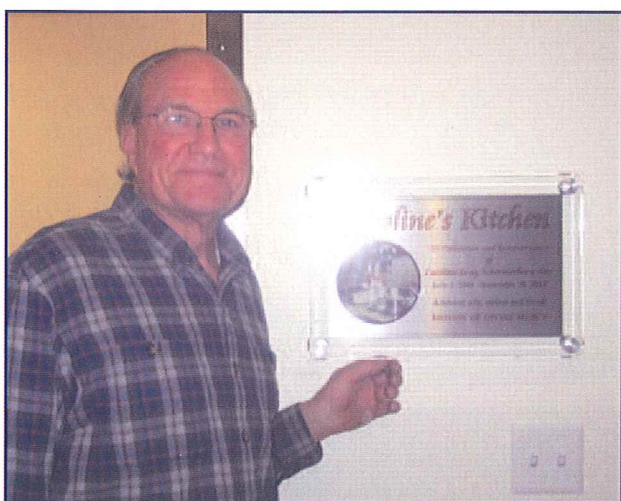


Meet the newest member of our staff, **Raul Landa**. He comes to us with extensive experience in the upkeep and maintenance of large buildings, landscaping, and construction.

In the short time he has been at the Mission, he has already been a tremendous help to Dave and Steve in all the work that maintaining the Mission and all its buildings entails. ♦

Caroline's Kitchen

When plans for the O'Callaghan Divine Mercy Center were underway, Jerry Anz volunteered to raise funds for the Center's kitchen in honor and memory of his wife, Caroline, who loved cooking for her family and friends. Jerry, his family, and friends raised nearly \$150,000 in her memory. Here Jerry stands before the plaque, which he installed himself, commemorating "Caroline's Kitchen." ♦



The new Kitchen and its Chief, Maria Felicitas

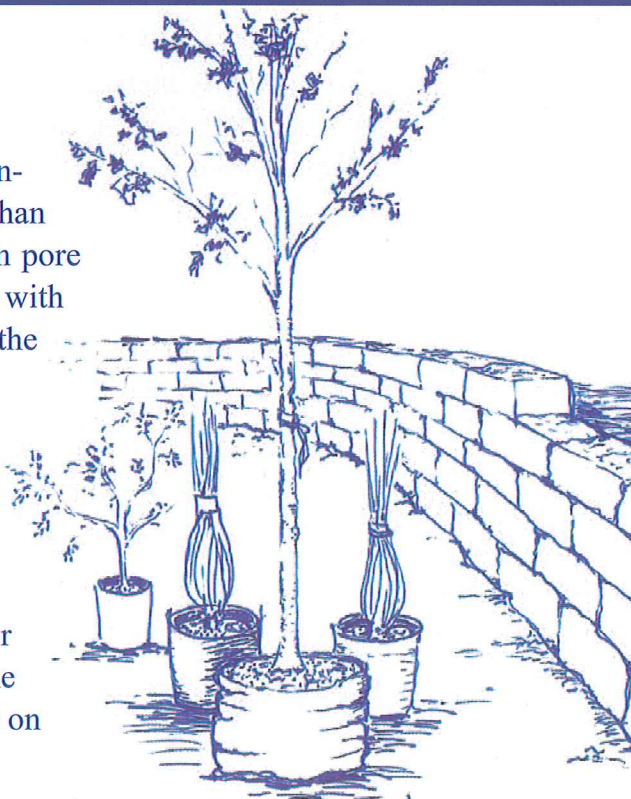


Landscaping the OCDMC

Over the past six months, a small group of volunteers have been planning the landscaping of the O'Callaghan Center. They have been meeting to visit the site and then pore over lists of native, deer-resistant plants that can survive with minimal care. They have even been growing some of the Center's future landscaping in their own backyards.

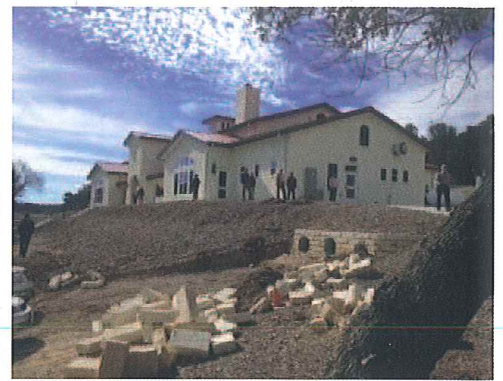
Trenches and large holes have been dug and a substantial amount of rock and caliche have been replaced with a soil mixture to give the new plants a fighting chance.

Recently we have seen the first fruit of their labor and planning. Several trees have been planted around the Center, while a row of mountain laurel is finding purchase on the rocky terraced hillside behind the Center. ♦



Dave's list of a few of the recent work projects accomplished at the Mission.

- Installing the new tile floor in St. Joseph's Chapel. This involved taking out and re-installing *all* of the chapel's interior items that didn't hang from the ceiling, including the altar rail and kneeler, and entire choir platform.
- Turning the main hall of the O'Callaghan Center into our temporary chapel and then back again.
- Transforming St. Michael's Hall into a permanent dormitory for the EWJ retreats.
- Purchasing and assembling 21 beds for the new dormitory.
- Adding the irrigation system around the OCC.
- Adding hand rails on the steps to the book store.
- Having limestone retainer walls constructed around the OCC.
- Digging out rock and replacing it with top soil on the ledges behind the OCC so that the planting of trees and plants can be done.
- Improving the area around the Outdoor Rosary to allow easy access.
- Site work for the new Community cemetery that will be located near St. Joseph's Chapel. This will be for Community members only.
- Improving the path that leads to Marian Hill.
- Running water to the sacristy at St. Joseph's Chapel.
- Insulating the well and pump houses.
- Installing electric lines to the road and path to St. Joseph's Chapel for additional lighting.
- Continuing to work on the Master Plan that will include plans for the completed Mission, buildings, roads, paths and all infrastructure. ♦



Dave's Corner

During the last few months much of the work being done here at the Mission has been what I call “ghost projects,” hidden projects that are necessary for the functioning of the Mission (see page 17). Most of these have involved the O’Callaghan Divine Mercy Center and/or preparations for the upcoming EWJ retreats. Then throw in our normal day-to-day maintenance schedule and you have enough things to keep a battalion busy.

Sometimes I get tired just thinking of the work that lies ahead, but at the same time I am amazed at all that has been accomplished in such a short period of time. When you look at this “little Mission,” to use Father John Mary’s description, it is very clear to me that it is all “By Direction” of God the Father. No one here is smart enough, talented enough or strong enough to have accomplished all that has been done in such a short period of time without the guidance and grace given us by the Father.

Now I am pretty darn stubborn and I have always been “mission oriented.” I would rather attack than wait for a complicated battle plan. I would rather “fix bayonets” than dig in. Patience has never been my strong suit. But I have changed... a little! Father John Mary has shown us all the importance of waiting, praying and listening to what the Lord is telling us.

You see, I know that the Lord wants this Mission built. And HE wants it built the way HE wants it. And if we are not going in the direction HE wants us to go, HE will place a small mine field in our path that will cause us to make a sharp turn back to HIS direction. Often this path is difficult and hard to understand. This is when the ultimate weapon must be used--- TRUST!

This path includes many of you.

It is with the help of your prayers, financial aid and TRUST IN THE LORD that we have come so far in such a short time. The Lord has put you on the path of the Mission of Divine Mercy. You have listened to HIM, you have responded, and HE will pay you back. But like all of us — you’re just on the delayed payment program! ♦



“TRUST IN GOD, AND HE WILL HELP YOU.

Hope in Him, and He will make your ways straight....

You who fear the LORD wait for His Mercy....

You who fear the LORD, trust in Him, and your reward will not fail.

You who fear the LORD, hope for good things, for everlasting joy and mercy.

You who fear the LORD, love Him, and your hearts will be made radiant.

Consider the ancient generations and see: who ever trusted in the LORD and was put to shame? Or who ever persevered in His Commandments and was forsaken? Or who ever called upon Him and was overlooked?

FOR THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL;

He forgives sins and saves in time of affliction, and He is the shield of all who seek Him in truth.”

(From the Book of Sirach 2, 6-11)

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

April 2-3, 2016

*"The Feast of My Mercy
has issued forth from My very depths
for the consolation of the whole world..."*

*I desire that this Feast of Mercy
be a refuge and shelter for all souls,
and especially for poor sinners..."*

(Our Lord to St. Faustina)

SATURDAY APRIL 2
Solemn Vigil Holy Hour

SUNDAY APRIL 3
MISSION OPENS AT 11:30 A.M.

Prayerful Preparation:

Confessions 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.

(and if we have enough Priests, during and after Mass as well)

Ongoing activities 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.

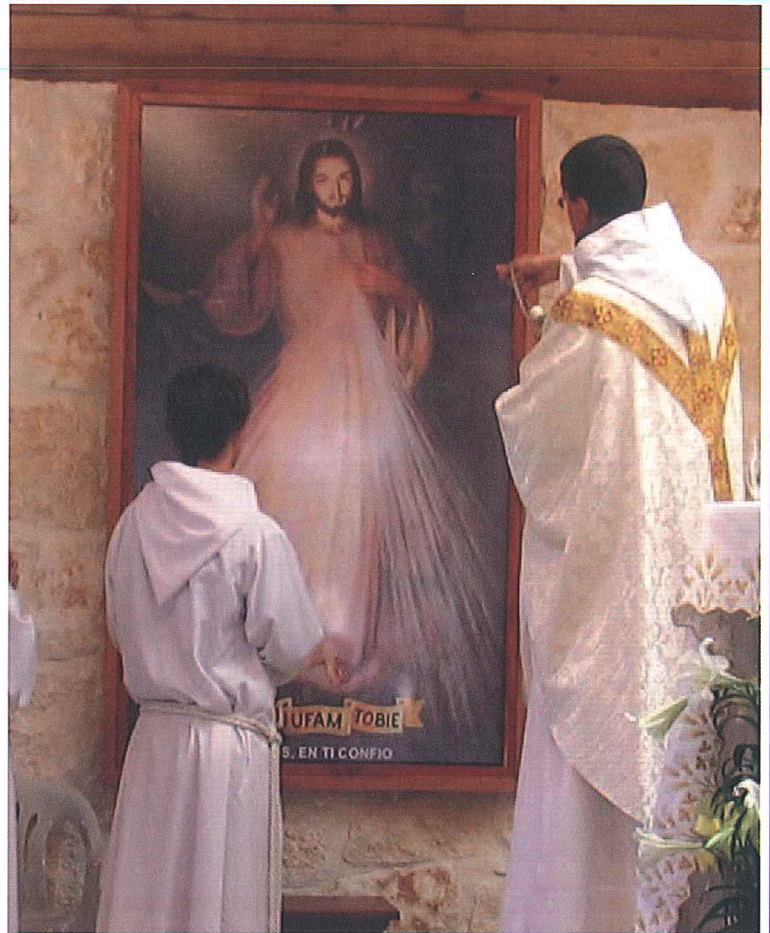
- Adoration
- Chaplet at the new Outdoor Rosary
- Veneration of the Image

Benediction 2:45 p.m.

Solemn Mass 3:00 p.m.

Barbecue Dinner

*More information will be available on our
website as the date approaches.*



A Special Promise of Mercy*

*"The soul that will go to Confession and
receive Holy Communion will obtain
complete forgiveness of sins and
punishment." (Diary, No. 699)*

*"I want to grant a complete pardon to
the souls that will go to Confession and
receive Holy Communion on the Feast of
My Mercy." (Diary, No. 1109)*

* Church officials have indicated that the Confession could be made within 20 DAYS before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. So Confession does not necessarily need to be done on this day.

Modest Dress at the Mission

This is consecrated land. Please refrain from wearing: Low-cut necklines, tight pants, hemlines or slits above the knee; shorts, sleeveless shirts; or any tight or provocative clothing.



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