

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

as we begin the journey of Lent I address this Message to you in order to encourage you along the path of conversion....

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, strengthen us as we go....

...comfort us with Her presence.....and intercede with God,

that there may be for us a fresh outpouring of Divine Mercy.

Pope John Paul II, 15 October 1998

“...And taking Him down, wrapped Him in a linen shroud,
laid Him in a new tomb which had been hewn out of rock,
then rolled a great stone against the opening....”



IMPORTANT CHANGE!!! The solemn **Easter Vigil in English**, which has been celebrated each year on Saturday evening, will be celebrated this year at 6:00 a.m. **Easter Morning**.

This corresponds more closely to the actual time of the Resurrection.

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FROM FR. JOHN MARY:

*"Come away by yourselves to a quiet place
and rest a while."* (Mk 6, 31)

Is Our Lord making this invitation to you?

Life is often stressful. We can feel overwhelmed. Worn down. Worn out. Burnt out. At the end of our rope....

Our Lord wants us to be able to rest; to rest in Him.

There's a passage from the Gospel that **I would like to put on billboards across the country:**

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are weary,
and I will give you rest for your souls."* (Mt 11, 28-29)

It's not easy to find rest for our soul.

It is in Him that our soul, our heart finds rest.

That is what we want to offer here at the Mission.

A quiet place to rest in Jesus.

But you can't always come here.

Where can you find this "quiet place" in your daily life?

That is what prayer can be.

Sometimes prayer just seems to be one more obligation that we have to try to squeeze into a day that is already too full. Trying to fulfill this or that prayer practice can add to our fatigue.

But this simple act of "resting in the Lord" is not another burden we are adding. It is a time to give Him our burdens. What is more restful than being with someone who truly understands you and loves you? And welcomes you. And listens.

It can take many forms. Spending time with the Blessed Sacrament. Taking a walk with the Lord. Just sitting outside. Or inside. Or lying down. Praying peacefully some decades of the Rosary. Or chaplet. Praying a psalm. Just talking to Him. Or listening. Or simply being quietly with Him.

Not worrying about doing something or accomplishing something. But just resting with Him. What a joy it is for Him to be able to give you this rest. ✠

Pope of the Divine Mercy

“Right from the beginning of my ministry in St. Peter’s See in Rome I considered this message my special task. Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church, and the world.” (John Paul II, Nov. 22, 1981)

As the Church gathers on April 27th to officially canonize Pope John Paul II there will be a multitude of tributes to his greatness and holiness. But it would seem that **no designation will be as important as the one which God Himself assigned to him both in life and in eternity; and which he himself recognized as the purpose of his papacy. He is the Pope of the Divine Mercy.**

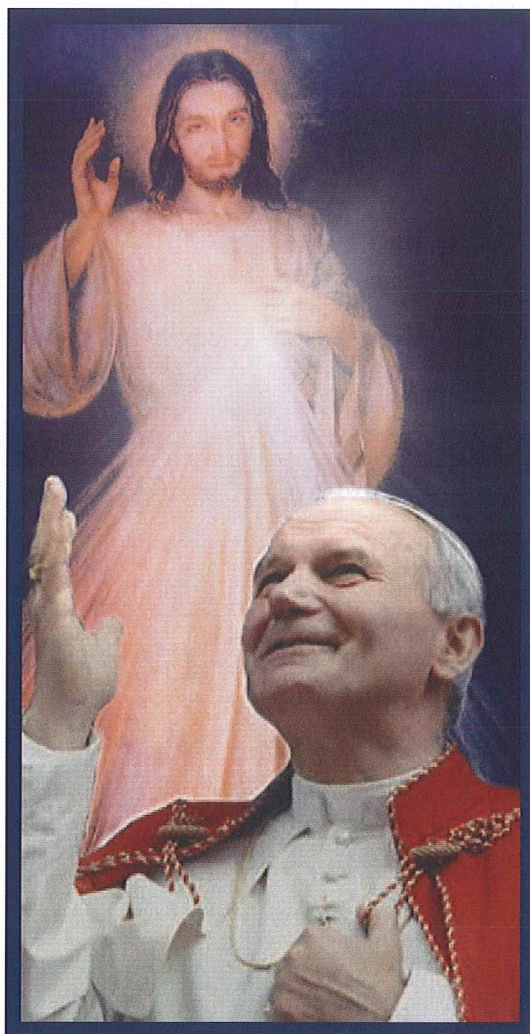
As a young man working in the quarry outside Krakow during the Nazi occupation, he would have been in sight of the Convent where **Sister Faustina Kowalska was receiving the Revelations of Divine Mercy.** He would learn about these revelations when he began to study secretly for the Priesthood in 1940. Later as a Priest and then as a young Bishop he would frequently pray in the Convent Chapel.

In 1959, due to errors in the translation, the Church formally prohibited the propagation of Sister Faustina’s messages. The young Archbishop of Krakow, however, approached the Vatican in the early sixties during the Council. Despite the fact that the prohibition was still in place, he was able to argue for and to initiate the process for her beatification.

Archbishop Wojtyla became a Cardinal in 1978. In April of that year, due to overwhelming evidence, the prohibition against the messages was finally lifted. Then on October

16, Cardinal Wojtyla became His Holiness, John Paul II. **The Revelations of Divine Mercy now had a most powerful champion, and the two would become inextricably bound as the Church approached the Third Millennium.**

This Message of Mercy would undergird the twenty-seven years of his papacy: From its articulation in his second encyclical, *DIVES IN MISERICORDIA* (1980), through his great millennial proclamation in April of 2000, when he, himself, would be the Pope to preside over the canonization of St. Faustina; and to declare Divine Mercy Sunday to be a universal Feast of the Church. *“This,”* he said, *“is the happiest day of my life.”*



But never was it more true than when the Lord Himself chose to receive His Servant at 9:37pm, April 2, 2005 - the Vigil of the Feast of Divine Mercy.

On April 27, in union with the whole Church, we will adore the Lord of Mercy Who gave this Saint, this Message, this Grace to our world. ♦



**At a private audience
for the
Brothers of St. John
in 1981,
the not-yet Fr. John Mary
—as a postulant —
has an opportunity to
personally greet the young
Pope John Paul.**



From the beginning and throughout his pontificate he has been such a profound inspiration for what would become the Mission of Divine Mercy.

We recently received this note from one of the women who comes regularly to the Thursday Holy Hour....

Dear Father John Mary...

Being at the Mission renews me and strengthens me. I cannot go very long without being at the Mission because I begin to feel broken and disconnected. **When I hear of someone making a pilgrimage to one of the apparition sites or the Holy Land, I think of how I have absolutely no desire to go to those places. I believe that Jesus, the Blessed Mother and Pope John Paul are there at the Mission.**

I think this because all I need to be restored is just to be there. As soon as I drive in I sense a peace and happiness that I can just imagine Heaven would feel like. **I miss the opportunities to be there late at night and early in the morning when Jesus's presence is so strong.** Leaving the Mission after Holy Hour is always difficult. It does not make sense to leave Jesus.

I also sense that Jesus is there present in the Divine Mercy Image watching everyone walk in to the chapel and being happy because we have come to be with Him. I miss having the opportunity to stay overnight and remain in Jesus's presence.

I want to be like the woman in the gospel that sits at His feet and shows Him how much she loves Him. Being at the Mission is as close as I can come to that. ♦

MDM Vocational Weekend ~ March 29th – 31st



With housing at long last available to receive new vocations, we began in 2013 to accept applications from those feeling drawn to join our little community. Please pray for the small bunch that is spending this year in discernment, especially those enduring the harsh winter in Canada!

At this important early stage we feel the Lord is asking us primarily to pray for vocations and to wait to see whom He inspires to knock on our door. In that light, **we are hosting a vocational retreat this March Friday 29th – Sunday 31st. The purpose of the retreat is to:**

- **Learn more about the life and charism of the Mission of Divine Mercy;**
- **Pray together and ask the Lord for His guidance;**
- **See if the Lord is calling you to discern this life (the weekend retreat would only be an initial step in several months of discernment).**

Those interested should contact Fr. Moses of Jesus (men) or Sr. Amapola de Jesús (ladies), to obtain a simple application, which should be submitted at least a week in advance of the retreat. (830-905-4515) ♦

FIRST MILESTONE!

GOAL AND DATE SET FOR GROUNDBREAKING

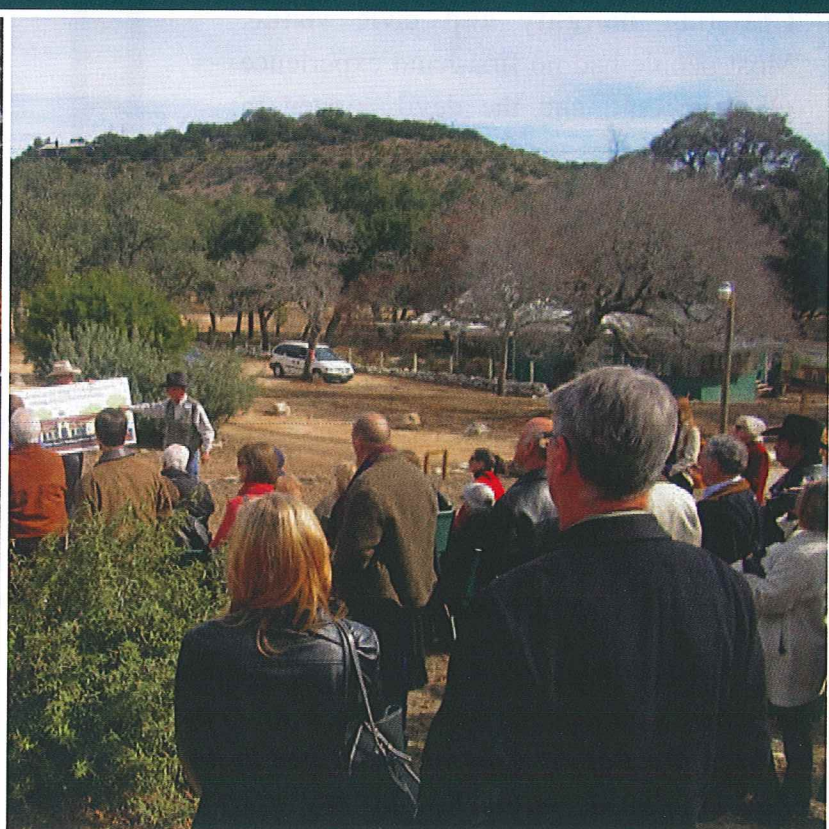
We happily announce that the groundbreaking for the Msgr. O'Callaghan Divine Mercy Center will occur on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014. It will take place at the conclusion of the 10 AM Mass, and will be one of the highlights of that special day of prayer and festivities. We hope that many of you, our friends and supporters, will join us for this very important milestone.

As this newsletter goes to print we have reached our goal of having \$900,000 in the bank, which is half of the initial estimated cost of building the Center.

The funds raised for the O'Callaghan Center come from a wide range of individuals. They represent gifts of love and support for the work of the Mission of Divine Mercy, and of love and appreciation for the Priesthood of

Msgr. Eugene O'Callaghan. As former Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, it was Msgr. O'Callaghan who first welcomed and gave support to the newly formed Mission of Divine Mercy. His Priesthood became a providential refuge for this fledgling Mission.

And so on January 25 it was an honor for the Mission to host a special luncheon which friends of Monsignor O'Callaghan organized in thanksgiving for his *almost sixty years (2015) of Priesthood*. In the midst of several days of cold, wet weather, the sun chose to come out that morning in celebration of the occasion, and smiled on Monsignor as he blessed the site of the future retreat center that will bear his name. **The luncheon raised over \$50,000** in his honor, which will be donated to help finance the construction of the Center. ♦



... GOING LIKE HOTCAKES

The Rediscovery of the Power of Sacramentals

By Mother Magdalene

We are having a hard time keeping our Sacramentals **Shed stocked.** With the increasing number of people discovering the Mission, and with the Saturday morning retreats occurring almost every weekend, the Shed is emptied practically before we can place the new items on the shelves.

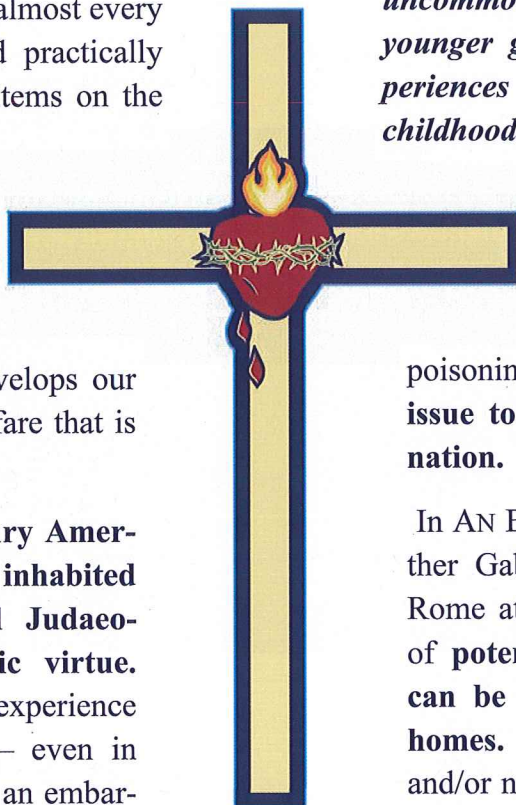
Why is this? Perhaps it is because Christians today are becoming more and more painfully aware of the supernatural battle that envelops our world, and of the spiritual warfare that is required of us.

In mid-twentieth century America the public arena was still inhabited by a residue of traditional Judaeo-Christian morality and civic virtue. Most people had no first-hand experience of the occult; and the devil – even in Christian circles – seemed like an embarrassingly archaic persona.

The next half century saw an explosive change. With the cultural revolution of the sixties the enemy emerged in all his lethal glamour, intersecting with and contaminating every part of our culture. He has frequently become the silent partner in business, medicine, education and government. He is the acclaimed protagonist in entertainment, music, art and – especially - youth literature.

(As a high school teacher in the mid-nineties I remember being struck by something. Most of my generation seemed to have had childhoods untouched by any overt ex-

perience of the demonic. So it was a distressing discovery to learn that it was not an uncommon experience in the lives of the younger generation; and that these experiences frequently dated back to early childhood.)



These days people are aware of protecting their material homes against pollutants – black mold, lead poisoning, asbestos. **But the critical issue today is preternatural contamination.**

In AN EXORCIST TELLS HIS STORY, Father Gabriel Amorth, chief exorcist of Rome at the time, cites a large number of **potential occult contaminants that can be found in most contemporary homes.** In addition to obviously occult and/or new age items, they can include – among other things – tv shows, videos, cds, magazines, posters, esoteric images, art, some product labels, and certain toys, games, books.

The best defense, of course, is a good offense; and in this case there is only One: Jesus Crucified. But while most Catholics recognize the Sacraments as Channels of His Sanctifying Grace and Power, they are much less aware of the Grace of Sacramentals.

As we approach Lent in this Spring of 2014 it is a good time to discover, or to re-discover, these great supernatural resources. ♦

First, what are Sacramentals?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *"These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the Sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them...various occasions in life are rendered holy."* (CCC, Second Edition, #1667)

In other words, through the blessing of the Priest, they transcend their simple material identity and become vessels of Divine Grace.

Commonly recognized Sacramentals include the Crucifix; the Rosary; the Scapular; religious medals; religious statues and images; as well as the humble elements of salt, oil, water and wax when blessed by a Priest.

Mission Sacramentals — the high-octane variety;

Every few weeks Father Moses will bless the new batch of salt, water, olive oil (Blessed Oil must be olive oil) and candles. What is striking for anyone who is present for this is the blessing itself that is used. **Because Fr. Moses is using an ancient formula that includes a prayer of material exorcism.** There is a solemn prayer that is specific to each of the four elements. [See excerpts in sidebar.] The Priest casts out any potential evil presence from that element and then by the power of Jesus Christ blesses the item and commands that it bear forth that Presence, dispelling any demonic influence wherever it is used.

How to Use Sacramentals

As the ads say, **"Get creative!"** There's no limit to the number of ways the Holy Spirit may prompt different individuals to use Sacramentals; but for those who are new to this concept we give some examples. (Continued on next page)

O water, creature of God,
I exorcise you
in the Name of God
the Father ✠ Almighty,
and in the

Name of Jesus ✠ Christ
His Son, our Lord,
and in the power

of the Holy ✠ Spirit.

I exorcise you so
that you may put to flight
all the power of the enemy,
and be able to root out
and supplant that enemy
with his apostate angels,
through the power
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who will come to judge
the living and the dead
and the world by fire.



O God,
Creator Unconquerable,
Invincible King,
Victor ever Glorious,
You hold in check the forces
bent on dominating us.
You overcome the cruelty
of the raging enemy,
and in Your Power
You beat down the wicked foe.
Humbly and fearfully
do we pray to You,
O Lord, and we ask You
to look with favor
on this salt and water
which You created.



Blessed (exorcised) Candles;

1. Can be lit when there is **threat of physical danger**, such as a storm.
2. Can be lit when one senses a **malevolent or oppressive presence, or unusual irritation or discord in a home or place**.
3. Can be lit **during prayer time** to sanctify the physical space and to accompany one's prayer.

Blessed (exorcised) Water;

1. It can be sprinkled anywhere to **dispel a malevolent or oppressive presence**. (Stealth mode: Pour it into a plant mister and then go through one's home, office, workspace, car, etc., and "freshen" or "hydrate" the air.)
2. One can sip a little (or a lot) of this **if one is feeling particularly irritated, trou-**

bled, depressed, tempted. (Materially it is just bottled water to which a few particles of Blessed Salt have been added.)

3. One can quietly **freshen the drink of a troubled spouse or child** with a few drops of Blessed Water. In all seriousness this may help to dispel or at least clarify where the problem lies.
4. And, of course, it is very beneficial to have a **Holy Water Font** (remember those?) or two in the home where one can bless oneself during the day.
5. **Very beneficial:** for the Father (or Mother if the Father isn't present) to make the Sign of the Cross with Holy Water on the forehead of the Mother and children before bed at night.

Blessed (exorcised) Salt;

1. Just as a matter of course, **replace your regular table salt** with Blessed Salt; also use Blessed Salt to cook with.
2. Salt is the most materially stable of the three elements of water, oil, and salt. It survives. Therefore it is a good Sacramental to **use for long-term jobs such as blessing a location**. One can sprinkle Blessed Salt around the baseboards of each room in a home; or in a workplace; or one can sprinkle it around the borders of a new property.

[Just this past week we heard from a woman who has struggled for years with a debilitating infirmity and an accompanying depression. She'd just started using the Blessed Salt on her food and said immediately that she felt "100% better". It wasn't that her health issues had disappeared but that the emotional oppression had lifted.]

Blessed (exorcised) Oil;

Blessed Oil must be *olive oil*. No other kind of oil can be used. Materially it is olive oil with a few added particles of Blessed Salt. **Therefore it can be used wherever one would use olive oil.** But you don't want to misuse it.

1. For example, you can put a few drops of Blessed Oil into a salad dressing, a recipe, or something that you are frying. But you wouldn't want to pour your bottle of Blessed Oil in the skillet, fry up a batch of french fries, and then dump the leftover Oil in the garbage or down the drain.
2. When we have had to wipe up some residue of Blessed Oil with paper towels we save those and later burn them. **The traditional way to dispose of any Blessed Oil** (like any oil, Blessed Oil can eventually become rancid if stored too long), **Salt, or Water is to either burn it (the oil-soaked paper towels) or to find a space outside that's away from a foot path and pour it out.**
3. You can use Blessed Oil to make **the Sign of the Cross on practically anything and everything:** Over the doors and windows of a house; on the steering wheel and tires of a vehicle; on the headboard or posts of a bed; on a musical instrument or a garage tool, etc..

As noted earlier, every aspect of human life can be sanctified by the use of Sacramentals. **And the Christian who honors these Sacramentals, wears them, or introduces them into his domestic or professional world, amplifies his role as a Christ-Bearer and helps to come against the powers of "this present darkness." Amen. ♦**

Almighty and everlasting God,
we humbly implore you,
in your immeasurable
kindness and love,
to bless ✠ this salt
which you created
and gave to the use of mankind,
so that it may become
a source of health
for the minds and bodies
of all who make use of it.
May it rid whatever it touches
or sprinkles of all uncleanness,
and protect it
from every assault of evil spirits.
Through Christ our Lord.



Lord God Almighty....
Grant we pray,
that those who will use this oil,
which we are blessing
✠ in Your Name,
may be protected from every attack
of the unclean spirit,
and be delivered from all suffering,
all infirmity,
and all wiles of the enemy.
Let it be a means of averting
any kind of adversity from man,
redeemed by the Precious Blood
of Your Son,
so that he may never again
suffer the sting
of the ancient serpent.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT PASSAGE:

A 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 this year we want to offer you the opportunity to live it in a new way.**

This year the Mission is going to 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 opened to the public** whether or not they've committed themselves 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 talks, periods of meditation, and certain meals at the Mission.

In living this year's 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 people to lodge on the Mission grounds. This means that people 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.missionofdivinemeracy.org, and look for "Triduum Retreat" in the right hand column.

You can also register by calling 830-905-4515. **The registration fee is \$35 and the deadline is Tuesday, April 15.** ♦

If you are planning on attending events at the Mission, please respect our REQUEST FOR MODEST DRESS (see pg. 14) and alert those who will be attending with you.



HOLY THURSDAY April 17

- 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 April 18

Day of silence and prayer

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. outdoor walking Way of the Cross
- Veneration of the Holy Cross - Quiet Time
- 1:00 p.m. Service of the Passion (LATIN)
- 3:30 p.m. Novena of Divine Mercy
- MISSION CLOSSES AT 5:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY April 19

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.)

EVENING (bring a flashlight)

- 10:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil (LATIN)

EASTER SUNDAY April 20

- 6:00 a.m. Solemn Easter Vigil (ENGLISH)
- Festive Reception

As Chaplain to the Traditional Latin Mass community of the Archdiocese, Fr. Moses will offer the following services at the Mission during the Triduum:

PASSIO ET MORTE DOMINI

A unique opportunity this Good Friday.... Have you ever wondered how the Franciscan missionaries used to live Good Friday at the San Antonio Missions? Or how St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Padre Pio, and so many other saints lived this day? This Good Friday, beginning at 1PM, we will offer a traditional chanted Service of the Passion, **entirely in Gregorian Chant, and so entirely in Latin**, with Latin-English booklets available to follow the readings and prayers.

The service will be **long: over two hours long**. The chanting of the passion alone is more than 30 minutes. The extended chants are meant to facilitate meditation on the great mystery of Our Lord's Passion and death—in some ways akin to the experience of a Holy Hour spent meditating on that great mystery. While this can be a rich spiritual experience, it will be long and is probably not for everyone. For many of you our morning Way of the Cross will probably be more conducive to entering into these great mysteries.

MISSA SOLEMNIS VIGILIAE PASCHALIS

Beginning at 10:30PM on Holy Saturday Fr. Moses will be offering a Solemn Vigil Mass in the traditional Form—entirely in Latin with all of the chants in Gregorian Chant. It is a beautiful service, and one that has been requested by families in both San Antonio and Austin who are drawn to the Traditional Latin Mass, but is a long service—over two hours long. You are welcome to attend, but many may find the Easter morning Mass—which will be primarily in English—more accessible. ♦

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2014

"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)



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)

Traditional Latin Mass 8:00 a.m.

Solemn Mass (English) 10:00 a.m.

**Groundbreaking Ceremony for
the O'Callaghan Divine Mercy Center**
Immediately following Mass

Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy
will begin after the Groundbreaking and continue
until the beginning of the Holy Hour

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on a limited
basis, since many priests will be in San Antonio on this day,
from the end of Mass until 3:00 P.M. *

Holy Hour and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

* 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.

Please note:

- ♦ Refreshments will be available under the tent following the Groundbreaking.
- ♦ The Mission will open at 7:30 a.m. for the Traditional Latin Mass and will close at 4:00 p.m..
- ♦ Our facilities are very rustic. The paths are not paved and the ground is uneven. Comfortable shoes and sun hat may be needed. The Chapel and dining tent are open air. Please be prudent and take the weather and your state of health into consideration.

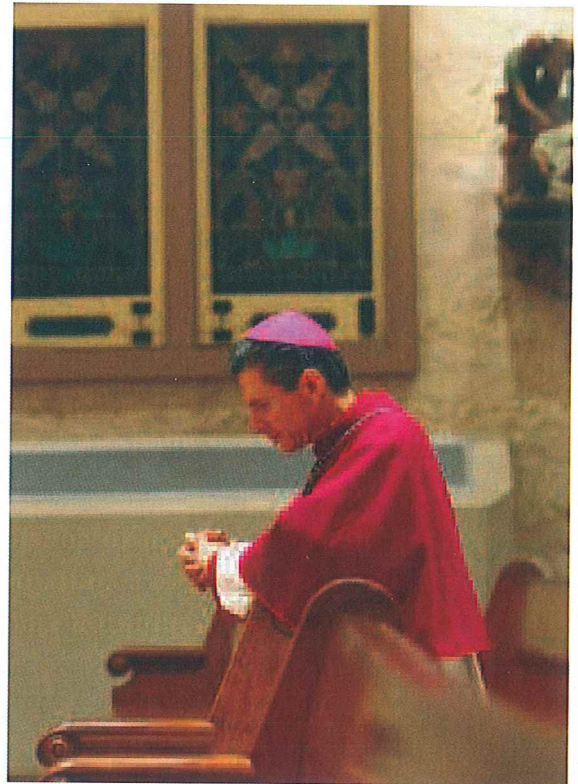
Modest Dress at the Mission

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION

This Divine Mercy Sunday there is a very special cause for celebration: The canonization of Pope John Paul II, the great Pope of Divine Mercy, and of Pope John XXIII. Archbishop Gustavo invites us all to an Archdiocesan celebration of this event, recalling the visit of Pope John Paul to San Antonio at the beginning of his papacy. This celebration will be held at Holy Spirit Parish and, beginning at 3:00 p.m., will include Mass, the Chaplet and a Reception. (For more information please contact Holy Spirit Parish).

Archbishop Gustavo has encouraged us to still have our own celebrations at the Mission but also to send representatives to the Archdiocesan celebration. Some of us will have to leave before our Holy Hour begins to be present at this Archdiocesan celebration; and we will close the Mission at 4:00 p.m. so that the others can attend at least the Reception. We invite you to participate as well.



One Family's Divine Mercy Sunday

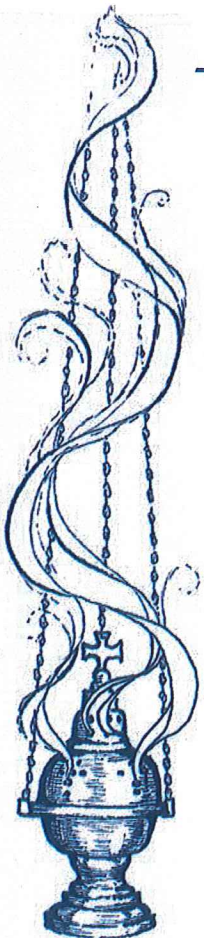
One woman wrote to us about the impact on her family when they visited the Mission last spring on Divine Mercy Sunday. Because of a Parish commitment they'd missed the first part of the day, but she'd been able to come with her husband and three children in the afternoon for the Holy Hour:

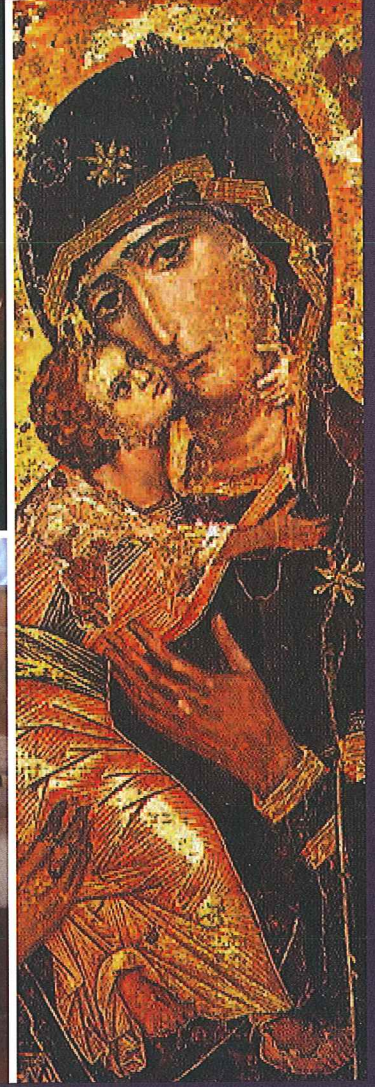
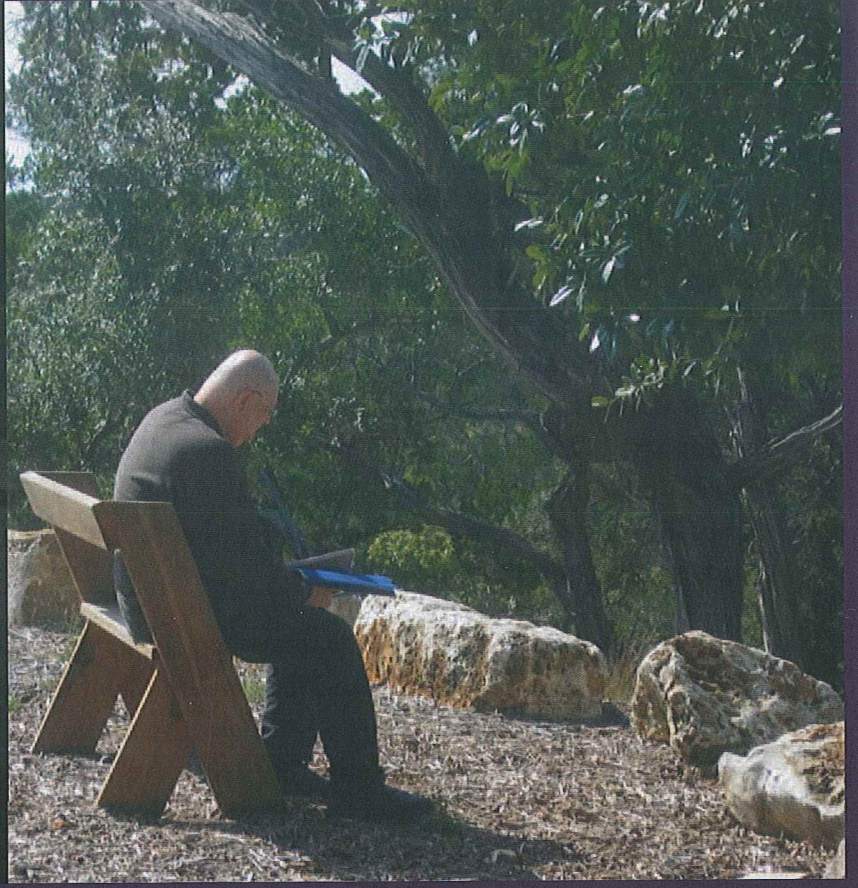
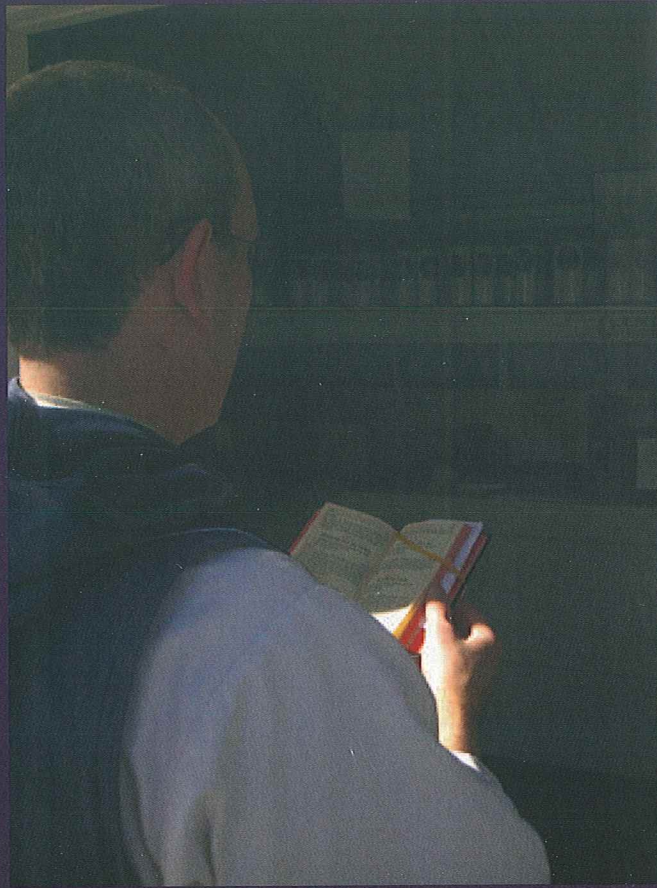
...We got there late but we got there. My husband too; he'd never been there before. It was so beautiful. We got to adore Jesus, and to hear the Archbishop speak; and even though we missed saying the Chaplet I felt at peace. I knew we would pray it on the way home.

Leaving, as we got to the end of the long road, we received a Gift from God; our car filled with the fragrance of incense just like in the procession with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My children and my husband all noticed it. We prayed. And when we got home we got out of the car and just lay in the grass.

Our children later went outside and started praying the Rosary on their own---what a miracle! My son wanted to read from my new copy of St. Faustina's Diary. I told him that it was hard reading; he pushed through, though, sounding out the words.

...Three years ago God told me that all I have to worry about is my kids. GOD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME. HE IS ANSWERING MY PRAYERS. HE LOVES US. WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST AND SEEK HIS WILL. AMEN. ♦

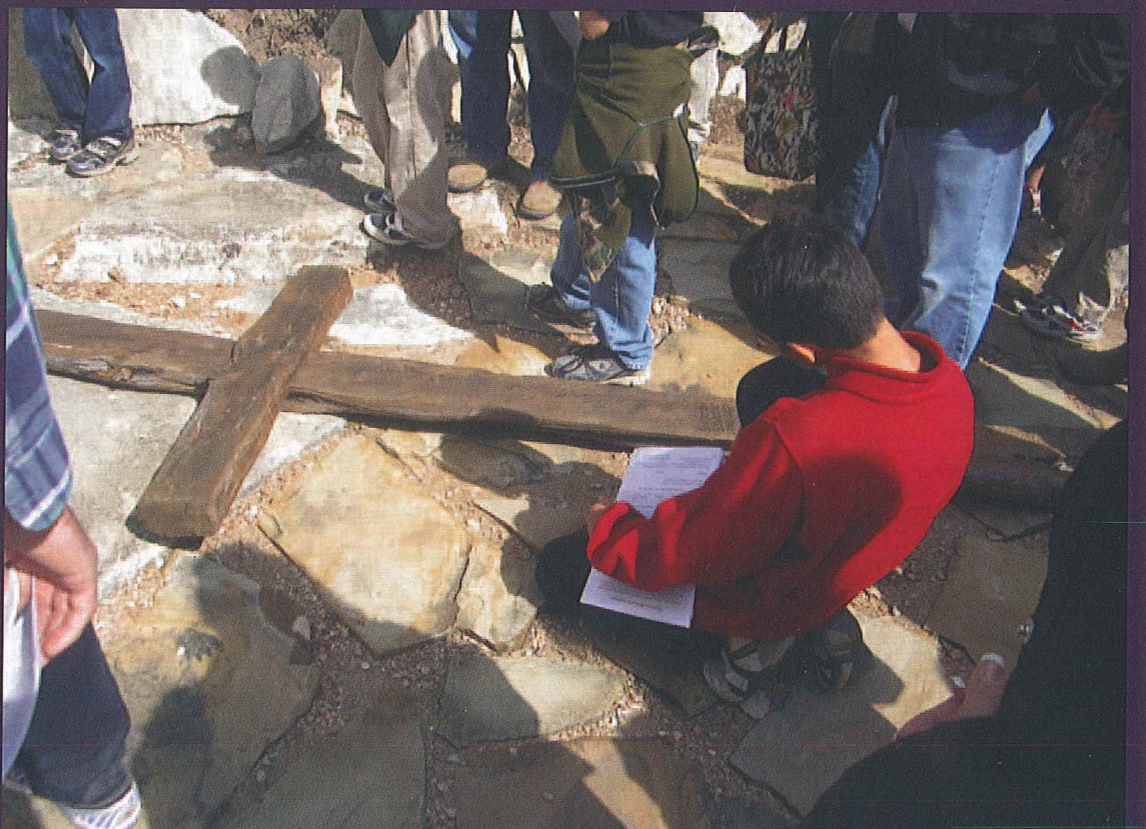






*“My People, what have I done to you, how have I offended you, answer Me....
I lead you out of Egypt from slavery to freedom,
but you led your Savior to the Cross.”*

Reproaches from the Service of the Passion for Good Friday.



Caroline's Kitchen

Gerald Anz, his family and friends are in the process of raising \$150,000 to honor the memory of his wife **Caroline**. Caroline died of cancer in October 2012 leaving a legacy of strong faith, love and service. The funds will go toward the construction of the kitchen in the O'Callaghan Center, and will be known as "**Caroline's Kitchen.**" ♦



LORD OF THE HARVEST

If you have been thinking that *someday* you would make a contribution to the Mission—may we ask you to consider *that someday has arrived?*

Perhaps you have wanted to make a large donation, but the timing has never been right. Please know that a regular monthly contribution of \$50, \$100 or \$200 --- something we know that we can count on each month---is very, very helpful to us as we plan for the Mission's future.

Here are some of the steps we are taking:

- Breaking ground for a retreat center complex.
- Enlarging our retreat schedule.
- Welcoming guest Priest Fr. John Francis Bentley.

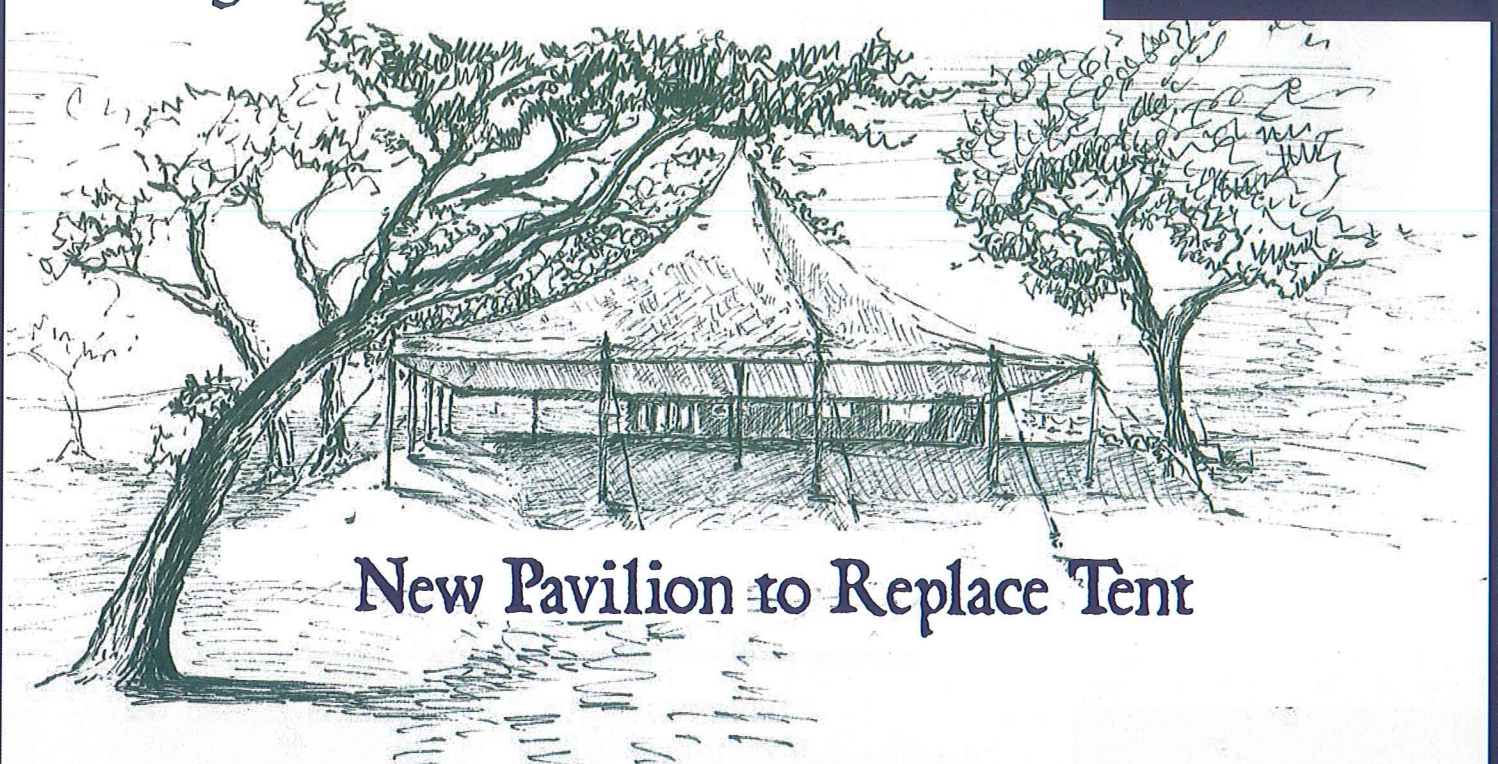
- Preparing lodgings for new vocations.
- Responding to the new medical insurance situation.

Most of the items listed above are good news. But they *all* put a strain on our finances.

It would be easier and less costly to just keep the status quo, and to not go beyond what we are already doing. We sense, however, that the Lord has a different and more urgent timeline. *We believe that God is asking us to reach out with His Mercy in more directions, and to be prepared to share His message with many, many more people in a challenging world situation.* We need to do all that we can to be prepared, *now.*

We are grateful always for all contributions! But again we ask you to consider making a regular monthly donation to MDM.

If you're reading this, then perhaps the Lord of the Harvest is calling you to be an integral part of this Work. ♦



New Pavilion to Replace Tent

Most of you know our old friend the T^EN^T. Many of you have enjoyed a meal under the T^EN^T or sat at one of the picnic tables and shared some experience with a friend. The T^EN^T has watched as our Mission children have grown and has seen many of them go off to college or the armed forces. It has celebrated the arrival of newborns and has witnessed several engagements. The T^EN^T has celebrated Community anniversaries, Fr. Moses' ordination, and welcomed Brother Mikael's first vows.

It has not always been easy for the T^EN^T. The summer sun and the ice storms of the winter have caused major damage to the old and fragile material. **Like a wounded warrior it has remained faithful and is still standing, but it is now damaged beyond repair.**

We will be sad to see our faithful old friend retire but we have reached a point where our T^EN^T must give way to a more functional structure.

After much discussion the decision has been made to add a PAVILION to the Master Plan of the Mission. The pavilion will be separate from the O'Callaghan Center and will provide an outdoor location for meals and talks. It will permit different group activities to occur simultaneously.

The 40' x 60' pavilion will be located in the meadow just down from the camp house. It will contain a large fire place, and a small separate kitchen where food items can be prepared and warmed. The pavilion and kitchen will be connected by a covered walkway.

Our estimate for this project is in the neighborhood of 70K. Funding will be difficult since we will not take funds from the O'Callaghan Center to finance this construction. **We are looking for in-kind donations of materials to help defray costs.** If you think that you can help in this way, please contact me, Dave Sommers, at 830-837-9867.

As a final note, we are also seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, Who has been our Chief Fundraiser in all we do. HE always comes through! So, just as a warning, the Holy Spirit may be paying you a visit in the near future. **Remember, you can run but you can't hide.** ♦



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Exult!

Let them exult, the hosts of Heaven,
Exult! let Angel ministers of God exult,
Let the trumpet of salvation
Sound aloud our Mighty King's triumph!

Be glad!

Let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
Ablaze with light from her eternal King,
Let all corners of the earth be glad,
Knowing an end to gloom and darkness.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
Arrayed with the lightning of His glory.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
In which is slain the Lamb,
the one true Lamb,
Whose Blood anoints
the doorposts of believers.

O Love, O charity beyond telling,
to ransom a slave
You gave away Your Son!

Excerpts from the great *Exultet*, or *Easter Proclamation*
that is sung during the Easter Vigil.

