

August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy



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

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*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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Videos posted on our Web-
site daily:
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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



The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

August

8/15-22 Marian Week

- See flyer on page 9 for more information

8/21 Outdoor Stations of The Cross

- See flyer on page 8 for more information

8/22 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8/26 Memorial of Our Lady of Czestochowa

8/27 Healing Mass at 8pm

- See flyer on page 10 for more information”

8/28 Outdoor Stations of The Cross

- See flyer on page 7 for more information

8/29 Explaining the Faith Talk at 11am

- Live & In-Person with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
- *Topic: Response to Attacks on Divine Mercy*

September

9/4 First Friday Devotions at 8pm

- See flyer on page 11 for more information

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.





GENERAL AUDIENCE

Pope Leo XIV

ST. PETER'S BASILICA

AUGUST 12, 2026

Catechesis. The Documents of the [Second Vatican Council](#). III. Constitution [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#). 6. The liturgical year

Dear brothers and sisters,

The fifth chapter of the Conciliar Constitution [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#) (SC) is dedicated to the liturgical year, a theme we would like to look at today, to explain its value in the life of every believer.

First of all, it is important to note that this way of referring to the cycle of Christian feasts as the 'liturgical year' became widespread in ecclesiastical language thanks to the work of the Servant of God, Abbot Prosper Guéranger (1805–1875).

In the Encyclical [Mediator Dei](#), [Pope Pius XII](#) states that it "is not a cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past, or a simple ... record of a former age. [The liturgical year] is rather Christ Himself who is ever living in His Church. Here He continues that journey of immense mercy which He lovingly began in His mortal life ... with the design of bringing men to know His mysteries and in a way live by them. These mysteries are ever present and active" (III Divinum Officium et Annus Liturgicus, II Cyclus Mysteriorum). The liturgical year should thus be understood as a constant renewal of the work of salvation which Christ accomplishes in history. As she journeys through this temporal cycle, the Church remains in contact with the Lord's redemptive action, so that all the faithful may be filled with His grace (cf. [SC](#), 102c).

The encounter with Jesus, who died and rose again for us, is the purpose that the Church always pursues, placing the celebration of the Paschal event at the centre of every moment.

Hence the Council Fathers considered "the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year" to be Sunday, "the original feast day" (cf. [SC](#), 106). In various modern languages, its name indicates that it is the "*dies Domini*", "the Lord's day". Even in those languages where the reference to the "day of the sun" (*Sunday*, *Sonntag*) has prevailed, the link with Christ can be discerned: Christ is the true "sun of righteousness" who enlightens every person!

[Saint John Paul II](#), in the Apostolic Letter [Dies Domini](#) (31 May 1998) teaches that Sunday is the day of the Lord, the day of the Church, the day of man and, finally, the "day of days". "Since Sunday is the weekly Easter, recalling and making present the day upon which Christ rose from the dead, it is also the day which reveals the meaning of time. ... Springing from the Resurrection, it cuts through human time, the months, the years, the centuries, like a directional arrow which points them towards their target: Christ's Second Coming. Sunday foreshadows the last day, the day of the *Parousia*" (75), when we shall all rise again.

To sanctify Sunday, it is fundamental to celebrate the Eucharist. Listening to the Word and partaking of the Body of Christ entail, according to the Council Fathers, the coming together *in unum* (cf. [SC](#), 106), that is, the joyful gathering of the faithful. In this assembly, the Christian community makes visible its communion with the Lord and bears witness to its belonging to Christ and its fidelity to the Church. This assembly cannot be substituted by a solely virtual presence, nor can it be reduced to a merely passive gathering. The liturgical assembly is in fact fulfilled through the active participation of brothers and sisters, called together to “thank God who ‘has begotten them again, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto a living hope’” (1 Pet 1:3) ([ibid.](#)).

In this regard, I urge everyone to seek the best possible conditions so that even those who are unable to take time off work on Sundays may take part in Holy Mass.

Dear friends, the liturgical year, punctuated by Sundays, has an interesting history, in which the faith and devotion of the Church are interwoven. Indeed, from as early as the second century AD, the celebration of the weekly Easter was joined by that of the annual Easter, the “most solemn festival” ([SC](#), 102), extending over the most joyful period of fifty days, culminating in Pentecost, and prepared for by the season of Lent with its penitential character (cf. [SC](#), 109). The development of the Christmas cycle, which took place later and was modelled on the Paschal cycle, has made it possible to relive the mysteries of the Incarnation of the Word of God, of His birth and of His manifestation to the world. The Church then incorporated into the various times the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, “joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son” ([SC](#), 103), and “the memory of the martyrs and the other saints” who “sing God’s perfect praise in heaven and offer prayers for us” ([SC](#), 104).

The liturgical year thus repeats, in sacramental form, the teaching of the history of salvation, guiding the faithful from the expectation of the Messiah to the fullness of the Paschal Mystery and to the anticipation of future glory. In it, the Church celebrates the salvific relevance of the mystery of Christ, enabling believers to participate in it ever more deeply. For this reason, the liturgical year constitutes the guiding principle and the essential framework for all pastoral action.

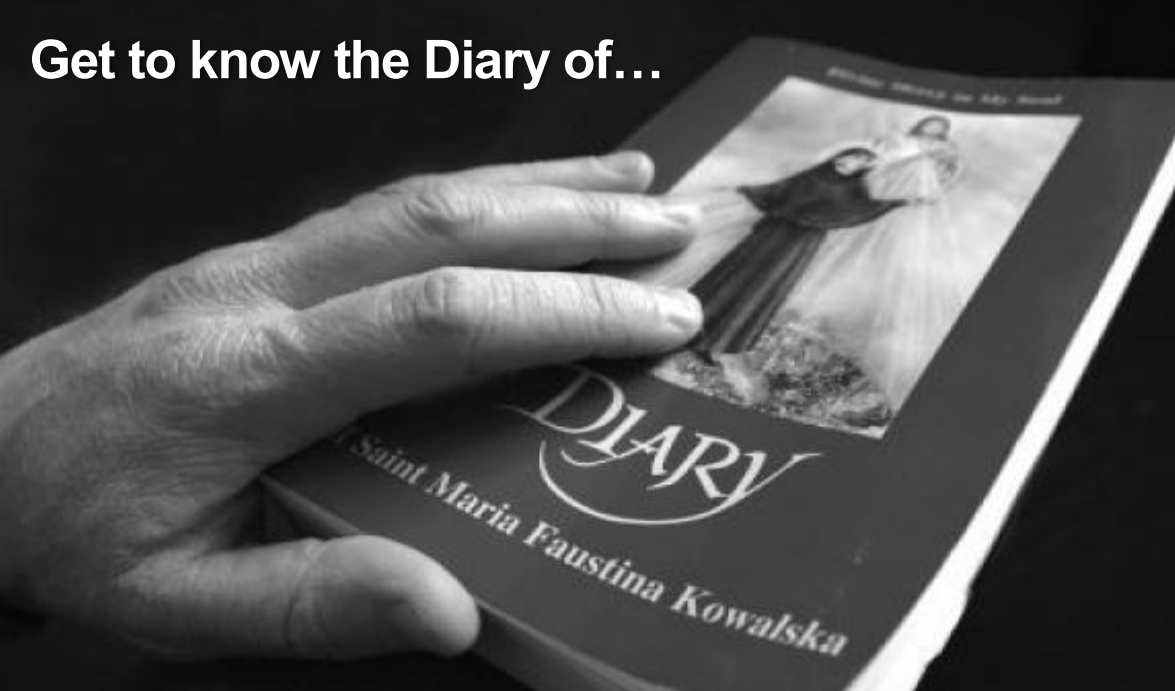
Summary of Catechesis:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing series of catecheses on the [Second Vatican Council](#)’s Constitution on the liturgy, [Sacrosanctum Concilium](#), we reflect today on the liturgical year and its relevance for the faithful. The liturgical year is not a static representation of past events, but an encounter with Christ himself, who desires to immerse his people in the mysteries of the history of salvation. The day on which Christ rose from the dead is the core of the liturgical year, and foreshadows Christ’s second coming, when we will all rise again. For this reason, it is essential for the faithful to sanctify the Lord’s Day by gathering to celebrate the Eucharist. May our active participation and steadfast witness help us to enter ever more deeply into the reality of belonging to Christ, and may we anticipate with hope his coming in glory.

Picture of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV from **Welcome, Pope Leo XIV:**
<https://marian.org/articles/welcome-pope-leo-xiv>

General Audience of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on August 12, 2026:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260812-udienza-generale.html>

Get to know the Diary of...



Saint Faustina
Kowalska

“Oh how pleasing to me is living faith”

God, You could have saved thousands of worlds with one word; a single sigh from Jesus would have satisfied Your justice. But You Yourself, Jesus, purely out of love for us, underwent such a terrible Passion. Your Father's justice would have been propitiated with a single sigh from You, and all Your self-abasement is solely the work of Your mercy and Your inconceivable love. On leaving the earth, O Lord, You wanted to stay with us, and so You left us Yourself in the Sacrament of the Altar, and You opened wide Your mercy to us. There is no misery that could exhaust You; You have called us all to this fountain of love, to this spring of God's compassion. Here is the tabernacle of Your mercy, here is the remedy for all our ills. To You, O living spring of mercy, all souls are drawn; some like deer, thirsting for Your love, others to wash the wound of their sins, and still others, exhausted by life, to draw strength. At the moment of Your death on the Cross, You bestowed upon us eternal life; allowing Your most holy side to be opened, You opened an inexhaustible spring of mercy for us, giving us Your dearest possession, the Blood and Water from Your Heart. Such is the omnipotence of Your mercy. From it all grace flows to us.

August 15, 1937. During meditation, God's presence pervaded me keenly, and I was aware of the Virgin Mary's joy at the moment of Her Assumption. Towards the end of the ceremony carried out in honor of the Mother of God, I saw the Virgin Mary, and She said to me, *Oh, how very pleased I am with the homage of your love!* And at that moment She covered all the sisters of our Congregation with Her mantle. With Her right hand, She clasped Mother General Michael to herself, and with Her left hand She did so to me, while all the sisters were at Her feet, covered with Her mantle. Then the Mother of God said, *Everyone who perseveres zealously till death in My Congregation will be spared the fire of purgatory, and I desire that each one distinguish herself by the following virtues: humility and meekness; chastity and love of God and neighbor; compassion and mercy.* After these words, the whole Congregation disappeared from my sight, and I remained alone with the Most Holy Mother who instructed me about the will of God and how to apply it to my life, submitting completely to His most holy decrees. It is impossible for one to please God without obeying His holy will. *My daughter, I strongly recommend that you faithfully fulfill all God's wishes, for that is most pleasing in His holy eyes. I very much desire that you distinguish yourself in this faithfulness in accomplishing God's will. Put the will of God before all*

sacrifices and holocausts. While the heavenly Mother was talking to me, a deep understanding of this will of God was entering my soul.

My daughter, consider the life of God which is found in the Church for the salvation and the sanctification of your soul. Consider the use that you make of these treasures of grace, of these efforts of My love.

Application: O most compassionate Jesus, I have not always known how to profit from these priceless gifts, because I have paid too little attention to the gift itself and too much to the vessel in which You were giving me Your gifts. My most sweet Master, it will be different from now on. I will put Your gifts to the best use of which my soul is capable. Living faith will support me. Whatever the form might be, under which You send me Your grace, I will accept it as coming directly from You, without considering the vessel in which You send it. If it will not always be within my power to accept it with joy, I will always accept it with submission to Your holy will.

When I steeped myself in prayer, I was transported in spirit to the chapel, where I saw the Lord Jesus, exposed in the monstrance. In place of the monstrance, I saw the glorious face of the Lord, and He said to me, **What you see in reality, these souls see through faith. Oh, how pleasing to Me is their great faith! You see, although there appears to be no trace of life in Me, in reality it is present in its fullness in each and every Host. But for Me to be able to act upon a soul, the soul must have faith. O how pleasing to Me is living faith!**

My Jesus, You know how much I grieve over every straying sheep....

The Lord said to me, The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.

My Jesus, I now see that I have gone through all the stages of my life following You: childhood, youth, vocation, apostolic work, Tabor, Gethsemane, and now I am already with You on Calvary. I have willingly allowed myself to be crucified, and I am indeed already crucified; although I can still walk a little, I am stretched out on the cross, and I feel distinctly that strength is flowing to me from Your Cross, that You and You alone are my perseverance. Although I often hear the voice of temptation calling to me, "Come down from the cross!" the power of God strengthens me. Although loneliness and darkness and sufferings of all kinds beat against my heart, the mysterious power of God supports and strengthens me. I want to drink the cup to the last drop. I trust firmly that Your grace, which has sustained me in the Garden of Olives, will sustain me also now that I am on Calvary.

Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy.

A strong and living faith nearly tears away the veil of love. The presence of God penetrates my heart as a ray from the sun penetrates crystal... Amazement and admiration overwhelm me when I see God's great majesty, which stoops down to me who am misery itself. There bursts forth from my soul immense gratitude to Him for all the graces that He imparts to me, and especially for the grace of being called to His exclusive service.

Guided Outdoor *Stations of the Cross*

Led by the Marians
every Friday

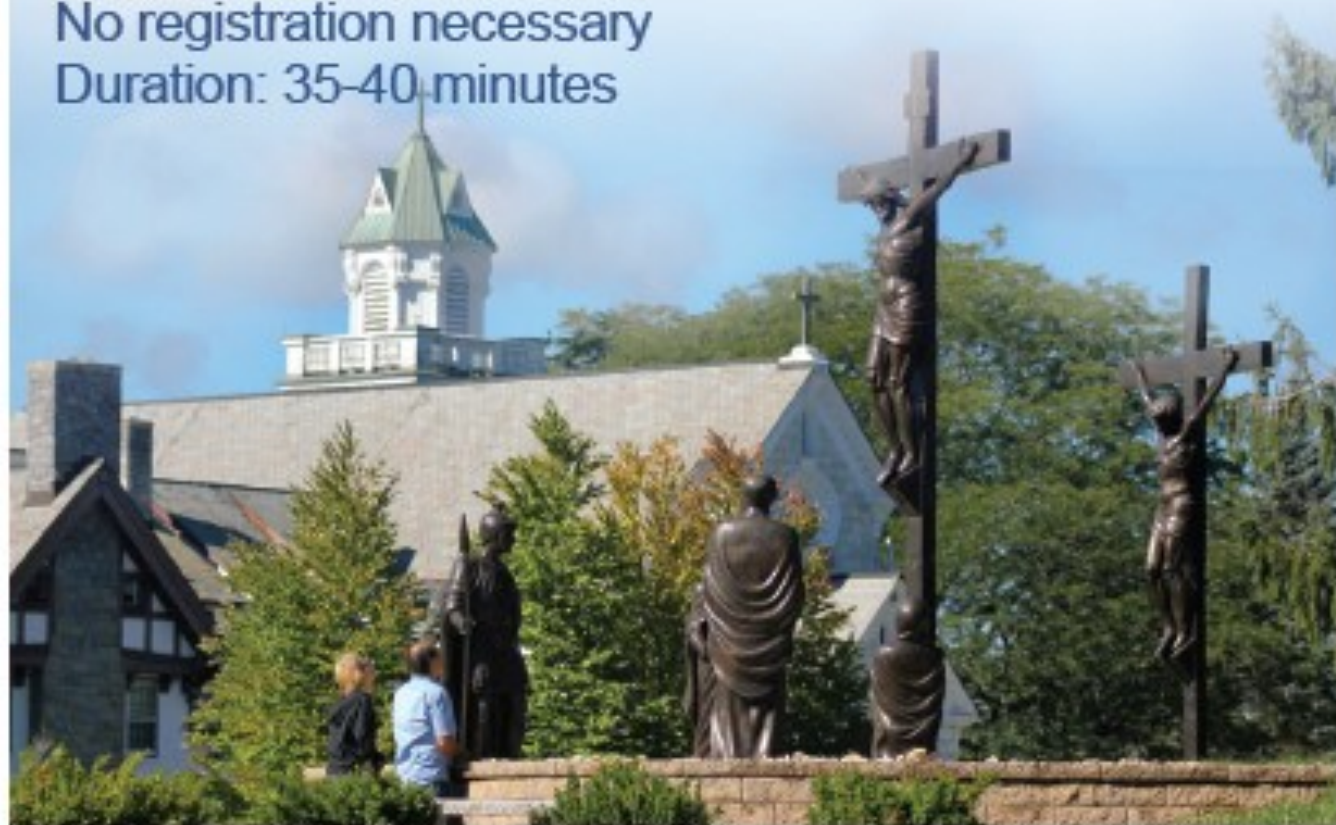


Meet in front of the National Shrine at 10:50 a.m.

(weather permitting)

No registration necessary

Duration: 35-40 minutes



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Marian Week

AUGUST 15-22, 2026

Annual celebration beginning on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and culminating on The Queenship of Mary.



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 followed by
Rosary Procession**

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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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



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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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

Celebrant: Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC

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

Join the Marian Fathers as we **Livestream**
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.

First Saturdays
11:45 a.m.



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Polish DAY

Saturday, September 12, 2026



1:00 p.m.

**Adoration, Rosary (in Polish)
Confessions**

2:00 p.m.

Holy Mass (bi-lingual)

(2 p.m. Mass does not fulfill Sunday obligation)

3:00 p.m.

After Holy Mass:

- Chaplet of Divine Mercy (in Polish)
- Blessing of Religious Articles
- Way of the Cross (in Polish)

All events will be at the Mother of Mercy
Outdoor Shrine, except as noted.

All buses and groups of 15 or more
must register in advance.

Use the online form at
ShrineofDivineMercy.org

for any questions, please contact:
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Memorial of **St. Maria Faustina**

Kewalska

MONDAY, OCT. 5



**Saint John Paul II
called St. Faustina
“the great apostle
of Divine Mercy
in our time.”**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass**
- 11:00 a.m. Talk by a Marian Priest**
- 1:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration**
Confessions
- 1:30 p.m. Rosary for Life**
- 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass**
- 3:00 p.m. Hour of Great Mercy:**
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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
9:30am -
4:30pm

Find us at:
www.divinemercy



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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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Volunteering is a
wonderful way to share
your gifts and God's Mercy
with our pilgrims.
Please follow the link below to
learn more about volunteering
at the National Shrine of The
Divine Mercy.

www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/get-involved/



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.

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Vocation Director

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.

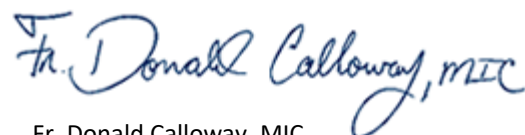
Please feel free to call or email me. You also might want to come to a Vocation Retreat.

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.



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Vocation Director
<https://marian.org/vocations>

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.

<https://marian.org/articles/shining-merciful-light-ukraine>



IT'S TIME TO SPEAK OUT AGAIN IN OPPOSITION TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has been following two bills that would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts. House Bill 2505 and Senate Bill 1486, "An Act relative to End-of-Life Options." At present HB 2505 is in the Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance and SB 1486 is in Senate Ways and Means. However, the bills may come to the floor for a vote at any time.

Working together, **we can join health care professionals, disability groups, senior citizens, the infirmed and countless individuals** in saying **NO** to assisted suicide and to stop the legislation from moving forward this session.

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you contact your elected officials:

- 1.) **A DEADLY PRESCRIPTION** - The bill would allow a physician to provide a lethal drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. NOTE - The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2.) **NO REAL SAFEGUARDS** - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to make the choice of PAS.
- 3.) **MISPLACED PRIORITIES** - The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

Your Voice Matters – Please call today!

Please call or email your elected State Senator and State Representative to voice your opposition. They represent you and should know your views on this topic. You can do this by logging onto [HTTPS://MACATHOLIC.ORG](https://macatholic.org) or scan QR code below. Follow the links to find contact information for your individual State Senator and State Representative via address and zip code link. Stay informed by signing up to receive alerts.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630. We will provide you the legislative contact information.



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