



33 Days to Merciful Love Small-group Retreat Sample Pulpit Announcements

Pulpit Announcement #1 (For groups consecrating on November 20, 2016)

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The retreat will begin on [Date] with our first meeting in the [location name]. At the conclusion of the six week retreat, we'll make our consecration to Divine Mercy on November 20, the Feast of Christ the King and the last day of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

So if you haven't yet done something for the Year of Mercy or want to delve deeper into Divine Mercy, please consider joining us. All are welcome!

After Mass, a group of us will be in the back of the church handing out flyers, answering questions, and signing up participants. If you have any questions about what materials you would need or the cost, please come see us. Thank you and God bless!

Pulpit Announcement #2 (For any time of year)

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Saint Pope John Paul II emphasized that now is the time of mercy, now is a time of great and extraordinary grace, a time in which all of us can become great saints — if we tap into that grace. One of the ways we tap into that grace is by asking God to fill us with an ocean of His tenderness and mercy. And we do that by consecrating ourselves to His Mercy. Please consider joining us. All are welcome!

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