The weekly interviews on my Mercy Unbound podcast with priests, nuns, healthcare professionals, scientists, and laity with tremendous witness stories continue, and I now have more than 60 episodes with great teachings and interviews on a myriad of topics. There is no charge, so visit TheDivineMercy.org/eadm or DrBryanThatcher.com to watch the series.

I enjoy doing the interviews partly because I believe we need to spread the truth to a confused world, but also because I am learning so much as well. For instance, I have done interviews with two women who were raped, and each kept their baby. Prior to the interview, I had believed that the vast majority of women who had been raped aborted the child, and I think most people believe this to be the case. Studies vary, but some indicate that the vast majority of women who have been the victims of rape and conceive a child do keep the baby. Both women interviewed said that aborting the baby would never make it easier to forget the attack. The abortion adds another layer of injury and mental trauma that only exacerbates the situation. I encourage you to watch the tremendous interviews with Cassaundra Baber and Jennifer Christie.

Another touching interview is the one with Melissa Coles on how she got up off the abortion table and delivered her son months later, and gave him up for adoption, only to be reunited with him nearly 20 years later.

One of my more recent podcasts was with Roy Varghese, author of Contact: 50 Verified Encounters with the Virgin Mary. We did two podcasts on Marian apparitions. In one, we discuss his book, and in the other, we talk about Our Lady's countless appearances over the centuries. Other tremendous interviews include:

1. Father Leszek Czelusniak, MIC, on Our Lady of Kibeho
2. Sister Briege McKenna, OSC, on her healing and the power of the Eucharist
3. Paul Zucarelli and his near-death experience
4. Sister Angela Fatima de Coelho, ASM, on St. Jacinta and her suffering during the pandemic of 1917
5. Father Joe Roesch, MIC, and his interview on “The Founder of the Marians, St. Stanislaus Papczynski”
6. Rabbi A.K. Schneider and his conversion to Christianity
7. Dr. Pat Santy, a NASA astronaut and atheist who came back to God through Our Lady.

And actually, there are so many incredible interviews that there is something for everyone in each video and podcast.

Please educate yourself on the truths of our faith, and subscribe and share them with friends and contacts! And consider continuing to support our work. The production costs for this series are significant, but we are reaching people all over the world, and we must continue to try to drive out darkness with the light of Christ. To donate, call 1-800-462-7426.
WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

Bill Gegg wrote and told us:

It is hard to put in one paragraph what this ministry has meant to me; it has been a life changer to say the least. I had turned down several invitations to join a group called “cenacle” because I figured I had experienced many other faith sharing ministries, but then there came another invitation to see what Divine Mercy was all about. My wife and I finally decided to see what this was all about. A new world opened up after attending the series, “The Second Greatest Story Ever Told.” And then Dr. Bryan Thatcher came to our parish to speak with Annie Karto for a Day of Reflection, and the cenacle really exploded after that weekend!

We have a cenacle group (small faith sharing) here at St. Francis Borgia Parish that studies the Diary of St. Faustina using study manuals, and integrating Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Catechism. We meet every Wednesday morning after our 7 a.m. Mass. That has been going on for about five years now, and it is the heart of our ministry. Without the Eucharist and cenacle fellowship, our work with the ministry of distributing Divine Mercy Images would be a job and not a ministry!

Every person in our cenacle group plays a vital role in our ministry. We are hopeful that more of you will start these in your parishes; you will be amazed at what will happen to the spiritual growth in your life. I want to say to all of you how blessed we are at Divine Mercy Ministries here in Washington, Missouri, to have you as our customers, colleagues, distributors, and friends. We have met so many of you this past year when you visited our shop, or we delivered Divine Mercy Images to your area, or met you at our first Day of Recollection. We are grateful for all of you helping us with this ministry. We honestly never dreamed how large this ministry would grow; but Jesus knew! And He knows how much farther it will grow in 2022.

I want to ask you to put April 23 on your calendar. That will be the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday, and will be our second Day of Recollection. We will have two fantastic speakers to share their involvement in Divine Mercy. One is our former pastor, Fr. Joe Wormek, and the other is Deacon Brian Knight, whose testimony will leave you breathless! If you are coming from a great distance, let us know, and we will help you with accommodations. We have some special room arrangements available.

May you continue to pray for our ministry and know that if you purchased just one sign, or told others about Divine Mercy, that St. Faustina will ask Jesus to stand before you and the evil one at the time of your death; you need fear nothing because that is one of Jesus’ promises for Divine Mercy. And the greatest promise is attending Divine Mercy Sunday and participating in the Eucharist and Reconciliation. You get a brand new start on life on that day. That is His ultimate gift and promise to us! God bless you and stay in touch.

Lastly, reading the Diary of St. Faustina has opened my eyes to this ministry; it has showed me how one woman could be so in love with Jesus and yet find so many struggles along the way, just like many of us! Being in the cenacle group has brought many of us much hope! We are always inspired by someone each week who is willing to share a part of themselves with which many of us can identify. And the icing on the cake is working in the Divine Mercy signmaking shop with a bunch of guys who share the same Catholic values that I have; how often does that happen? We work hard, pray hard, and play hard! I am so blessed to have met so many people who are on fire for the Lord!
We have had many recent inquiries on starting a Divine Mercy cenacle, and the work continues to grow. If you would like a free packet that gives you information on a cenacle and how to begin, please call us at 1 (877) 380-0727. We will be happy to send you one.

**CENACLES UPDATE**

**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**  
*Roman Pikula wrote and told us:*

My dream has been to turn St. Margaret Mary Church, with a huge 9-foot tall Divine Mercy Image, and a smaller image of Mary, Mother of Mercy, into a Midwest Divine Mercy Shrine. Father Mike, a former football player, had 12-13 hours of confessions at the parish, and he was well loved by all. People were coming to hear his homilies and participate in the Liturgies. Part of the dream was to prepare a space and invite sisters from Krakow, and have a retreat house and Adoration chapel. Unfortunately, Father ended up being transferred to the Diocese of Green Bay.

I was asked to reopen a Catholic bookstore called “Marian Center,” and with a dedicated group of people, we were able to bring all Divine Mercy and Catholic materials to one place. This continued a more than 30-year-old mission, and was going better and better despite the COVID-19 situation. We prepared the prayer room and even ordered a tabernacle, hoping that one day there would be Eucharistic Adoration. We started running many programs, such as *Consecration to St. Joseph, 33 Days to Morning Glory, The Lamb’s Supper, Symbolon, Presence,* etc. We were offering the simple beauty and genius of our Catholic faith.

Unfortunately, the owner passed away last January, and her husband closed the place and sold the building after running it for 10 years. He did, however, stay true to his wife’s wishes and gave my wife and I about $60,000 worth of the inventory and furniture from the store. I was able to find a new priest (from Poland) in our Archdiocese of Milwaukee who welcomed the idea of Three Hearts Center, and gave us a place for the furniture and the items in the empty convent.

Please pray for Roman and his wife that this beautiful ministry will continue! They are sterling examples of the New Evangelization!

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Humility is the virtue of recognizing our dependence on God, and also the virtue most pleasing to God. It is a virtue that is paramount to spiritual growth.

When Gabriel came to Mary and said, “Hail, full of grace” (Lk 1:28), she was initially troubled and made fearful by Gabriel’s praise. Yet, the Blessed Mother gave a beautiful example of humility at the Incarnation when she replied, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). While Mary wondered how all this could be as she had no husband, she recognized God’s will. She did not answer with false humility, saying, “I could never do that as I am not worthy,” but instead, with true humility, she gave her “Yes!” for she realized that it was God’s plan, and that with God all things are possible.

The Blessed Mother realized that she didn’t deserve to be addressed with “Hail, Mary.” It was a gift of God that she became the Mother of God, not because of anything she did but because of what God had done for her. She was immaculately conceived — meaning she was born preserved from original sin, and only God could do that. The fact that she knew God had done great things for her made her a humble person.

In today’s world of consumerism and materialism, humility is often viewed as a sign of weakness. Being meek and humble of heart is not a weakness! Scripture tells us “… whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted” (Mt 23:12). But do we really believe it, and even more importantly, do we practice it? So how do we cultivate this important virtue of humility? Some of the best ways are a frequent examination of conscience and a confession of sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These are good ways to cultivate humility because they help us to better understand ourselves. They foster the practice of looking at ourselves with an honest eye and realizing our dependence on God.

Our Blessed Mother was able to accept that God could work a miracle through her. This required humility as she realized that God was the source of her strength. When you have a balanced view of God and His relationship with you, then the medium of extremes will be found between seeing yourself as worthless and seeing yourself as a being of perfection. You will better understand our human frailties but also the beauty of life and the wonder of God.

Reflect on Mary as she says, “The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name” (Lk 1:46-55). Her whole song is all about how glorious God is and all the great things He has done for her. It isn’t about her at all.

Mary is our model of humility, and may we have a similar humble outlook on our lives. Let us realize all the great things that God has done for us, and may we give Him unceasing praise.

The Congregation of Marian Fathers were the first and remain the only community of male religious based upon the Rule of the Ten Evangelical Virtues of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.
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Dr. Bryan Thatcher, director of Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy, will be speaking:

- March 3: Day of Reflection at St. Patrick’s Church, Sarasota, Florida
- March 5: Day of Reflection at St. Olaf Parish, Williamsburg, Virginia
- March 20-23: Parish Mission at Epiphany Church, Lake City, Florida
- March 30: St. Mark’s Church, Wesley Chapel, Florida
- April 9-13: St. Joseph’s Church Parish Mission, Cecilia, Louisiana
- April 23-24: Mercy Sunday (tentative), Austin, Texas — multiple venues
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