At the time of this writing, the worldwide pandemic has killed more than 250,000 people worldwide, including more than 70,000 people in this country, and the numbers are sure to rise. Our loved ones in nursing homes are at a very high risk, and their friends or family members cannot even enter the facilities to be at their bedside as they die.

People ask me, “What can we do? It is heartbreaking that I cannot be with my loved one!” I tell them to pray! Pray the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet, and realize that you are doing a powerful act of mercy. Find comfort that Jesus, Our Lady, and a host of angels will be there at the bedside of your loved one.

Occasionally, I get asked, “How do I pray this Chaplet for the sick and dying? How is it different?” Actually, it is the same Divine Mercy Chaplet, but be sure to include in all your intentions those who’re sick and those that will die in that hour.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet originated from a vision that St. Faustina had of an angel, the executor of divine wrath, on the evening of Sept. 13, 1935. She wrote:

He was clothed in a dazzling robe, his face gloriously bright, a cloud beneath his feet. From the cloud, bolts of thunder and flashes of lightning were springing into his hands; and from his hand they were going forth, and only then were they striking the earth. When I saw this sign of divine wrath which was about to strike the earth, and in particular a certain place, which for good reasons I cannot name, I began to implore the angel to hold off for a few moments, and the world would do penance. But my plea was a mere nothing in the face of the divine anger. Just then I saw the Most Holy Trinity. The greatness of Its majesty pierced me deeply, and I did not dare to repeat my entreaties. At that very moment I felt in my soul the power of Jesus’ grace, which dwells in my soul. When I became conscious of this grace, I was instantly snatched up before the Throne of God. Oh, how great is our Lord and God and how incomprehensible His holiness! I will make no attempt to describe this greatness, because before long we shall all see Him as He is. I found myself pleading with God for the world with words heard interiorly.

As I was praying in this manner, I saw the Angel’s helplessness: he could not carry out the just punishment which was rightly due for sins. Never before had I prayed with such inner power as I did then. The words with which I entreated God are these: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us.

The next morning, when I entered chapel, I heard these words interiorly: “Every time you enter the chapel, immediately recite the prayer which I taught you yesterday.” When I had said the prayer, in my soul I heard these words: “This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary, in the following manner: First of all, you will say one OUR FATHER and HAIL MARY and the I BELIEVE IN GOD. Then on the OUR FATHER beads you will say the following words: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. On the HAIL MARY beads you will say the following words: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world. In conclusion, three times you will recite these words: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world” (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 474-476).

An ancient Christian writer wrote that, “of all divine things, the most divine is to share with God in the saving of souls.” And “God and souls” was the motto of St. Faustina. Our ministry aim, as was hers, is saving souls. Our Lord asked her to pray and offer...
CENACLES UPDATE

KIRTLAND, OHIO
Debbie Lokar wrote and told us:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle at Divine Word Catholic Church began formation this past November. Donna Rechner, a St. Gabriel’s parishioner, asked me, pastoral associate of Divine Word, if our church would be interested in forming a cenacle. I have started cenacles in five different parishes in our area and am on fire with spreading the Divine Mercy message. With the blessing of our pastor, Fr. Dave Woost, I placed an invitation to participate in our church bulletin. This initial call was answered by 11 people.

Initially aided by Donna, our group began. The group has focused on understanding and sharing the message of St. Faustina Kowalska. One of our meetings featured a presentation by one of our parishioners who had visited the Holy Land. At another meeting, we viewed the film “Divine Mercy: No Escape,” the story of Sr. Faustina’s life, narrated by Helen Hayes.

Facilitated by me, our cenacle meets every other Monday afternoon. We prepare for our meetings by reading two weeks of lessons from the manual. During our meetings, we pray, sing, share, reflect, and respond to the readings and to questions and reflections of our members. Our singing has been bolstered by the guitar accompaniment of Nick Fatica, one of our newest members. Our identity as a cenacle is emerging as we work to extend the message of Divine Mercy individually and collectively.

Our meetings culminate with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church at 3 p.m. coinciding with Divine Word parish’s Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament where Christ is present on the altar. Jesus, we trust in You!

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Maria Virella wrote and told us:

Since 2009, the brethren of the Church of Saint Augustine have been studying and forming cenacles in the community. Today, hand in hand with our spiritual director, Fr. Thomas Walsh, we are embarking on a new beginning with new members. Mrs. Karina Sandoval serves as lay advisor with committed members such as; Misael Echandy, Donny Sandoval, Nicole Troche, and Mercedes Rodriguez. This Spanish-language group of committed laity will meet monthly with Fr. Diego Maximino, MIC, from the Marian Fathers to continue deepening their living out of the Mission of the Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy. We also appreciate the ongoing support and guidance of the founder of the mission, Dr. Bryan Thatcher. A new plan of apostolates to carry out the works of mercy has been presented. The Lord has chosen us out of so many to spread the message of the Divine Mercy. That is why we committed ourselves to be ambassadors of His Love, offering to work hard to bring souls to Christ, confirming our motto: “We will not rest until the world belongs to Christ!”

CENACLES UPDATE

CHEVERLEY, MARYLAND
Keny Bernal wrote and told us:

Our EADM cenacle started on Jan. 10, 2012. We meet weekly at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Cheverly, Maryland. Our priest is Fr. Charles Cortinovis.

The work we do is visit people at home who need to know God. Someone usually refers us. We visit the sick as well. We pray for people in need and try to help as we can. Our meetings are based on the manual of the cenacle. We study and follow the guidelines using the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, the Catechism, and the Bible, as outlined in the manual.

We love reading the Diary and members find much hope in studying the mercy of God. Each member listed their favorite Diary quote.

Lisseth Bernal — My favorite entry is #20: “My Mercy does not want this, but justice demands it.” Because of this, I pray daily for the suffering souls.

Maria Reyes — entry #86: “I do not reward for good results but for the patience and hardship undergone for My sake.”

Viviana Vasquez — entry #301: “Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.”

Elida Cardona — entry #300: “Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.”

Maribel Quintanilla — entry #1485: “I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.”

Jose Vasquez — entry #1520: “I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy.”

Mercedes Alvarenga — entry #1485: “My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world.”

Paz Lobato — entry #1217: “May the light of Your love / enlighten the souls in darkness; / Grant that these souls will know You / and, together with us, praise Your mercy.”

Orfilia Sanchez — entry #620: “Mary is my Instructress, who is ever teaching me how to live for God.”

Hector Reyes — entry #740: “O Savior of the world. I unite myself with Your mercy. My Jesus, I join all my suffering to yours and deposit them in the treasury of the Church for the benefits of the souls.”
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Uganda
Leo Kibirango wrote and told us:

I wanted to write and give you an update on developments in EADM-Uganda. The certificates from the EADM-USA were issued to our members at a colorful Mass in celebration of the Feast of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, led by our director, Rev. Fr. Achilles Mayanja, at Munyonyo Martyrs Shrine on Oct. 5, 2019. We are most grateful for your cooperation in the success of this ceremony.

We sent a team of 12 participants, including six priests, to the 4th Africa/Madagascar Divine Mercy Conference, held at Wagadouguo, Burkina Faso, Nov. 16-24, 2019. Their report will be included in our magazine to mark Divine Mercy Sunday.

Out of the 20 Catholic dioceses in Uganda, we have established a Divine Mercy presence in Kampala Archdiocese, covering the Kampala, Masaka, Kasana/Luwero, Lugazi, and Kyiyinda Mityana Dioceses.

Meanwhile, we expect to hold a members’ retreat on Jan. 25, 2021, to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, covering a theme, “Divine Mercy: a grace for our time.”

Thank you for all your support and prayers. Jesus, I trust in You!

A beautiful container of donated medical supplies is ready to ship, but things have been delayed for several months due to the pandemic. God willing, our plan is to ship it through Caritas to hospitals caring for the indigent in Lima, Peru.

Dr. Bryan Thatcher said, “This is one of the best containers we have shipped in over 20 years. I visited Peru years ago and visited hospitals there, and am very aware of their great need. Caritas will be the receiving agent. All we can do now is wait until the pandemic subsides and the Peruvian government will allow Caritas to receive the items. The container includes many pediatric beds, walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and more than 250 boxes of medical supplies. Lastly, I especially want to thank those benefactors who helped make this happen and allowed our work to continue. May God bless you a hundredfold!”
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the Chaplet for sinners and the dying, saying:

*Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties [that is, insistent prayers] obtain for them trust in My mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least. Be assured that the grace of eternal salvation for certain souls in their final moment depends on your prayer. You know the whole abyss of My mercy, so draw upon it for yourself and especially for poor sinners. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul* (*Diary*, 1777).

Saint Faustina was often given the grace to know when a certain dying person desired or needed prayer; she would be alerted to the moment by her Guardian Angel or by our Lord Himself. At those times, she would pray until she no longer felt the need to pray, or a sense of peace came upon her, or she learned that the person had died, or heard the soul say, “Thank you!” She wrote: “Oh, dying souls are in such great need of prayer! O Jesus, inspire souls to pray often for the dying” (*Diary*, 1015).

One of the best means of assisting the dying is the one that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina and insisted that she use often — even continuously: the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Jesus said: “My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me.” (God said to St. Faustina): “My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him.” When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul’s misery. A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus’ Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God (*Diary*, 1565).

These words are particularly relevant for EADM members and all Eucharistic adorers. In normal times, in chapels throughout the world, members are reciting or praying the Chaplet for the sick and dying, and are part of an international registry established by the ministry. Moreover, on the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000, the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, by a personally signed parchment, imparted a special apostolic blessing “to all the faithful, who during Adoration of Our Most Merciful Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and for those throughout the world who will be dying in that hour.” If you would like information on how to get a copy of the papal blessing for your Adoration chapel, contact us at eadm@marian.org or 877-380-0727.

So do not waste precious time being anxious and afraid, contemplating the situation of your sick loved ones that you cannot visit. Find peace in the fact that Jesus Himself will be at their bedside. You cannot have a more merciful visitor than the Lord Himself!
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