Mercy Unbound,” the video and podcast series hosted weekly by Dr. Bryan Thatcher, is going strong. There have been many great interviews and more are being taped as this newsletter goes to print. The purpose of the show is to bring the truth in love to a confused world, sharing hope, healing, and mercy through a better understanding of Church teaching. You can watch the weekly videos at one of two places (TheDivineMercy.org and DrBryanThatcher.com).

Some of the previous interviews feature:

- Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, on “Consecration to St. Joseph,”
- Fr. Leszek Czelusniak, MIC, on “Our Lady of Kibeho and Her Message for the World,”
- Fr. Dan Cambra, MIC, on “Purgatory, the Forgotten Church,”
- Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC, on “Why Forgiveness is So Important,”
- Kathy Wåbick on “The Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Dying,”
- Fr. Robert Cadrecha on “Exorcism – Does the Devil Really Exist?”
- Sr. Angela Coelho on “Fatima, St. Jacinta and Her Suffering during the Pandemic of 1917,”
- Dr. Ray Guarendi on “Discipline that Lasts a Lifetime,”
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- Roy Schoemann on “I Lost My Faith at MIT, Then Everything Changed,”
- Paul Zucarelli on “My Incredible Near Death Experience,”
- Melissa Coles on “The Adoption Option,”
- Kimberly Cook on “Motherhood Redeemed – How Radical Feminism Betrayed Maternal Love,”
- Catherine Davis on “How Abortion is Destroying the Black Community,”
- and many more!

Future guests include the Very Rev. Fr. Kaz Chwalek, MIC, provincial superior for the American province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, on “Our Founder St. Stanislaus Papczynski, MIC,” and Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, director of the Association of Marian Helpers, on “Suicide — Church Teaching and Its Effects on All Involved.” Topics I hope to get discussed include “The Shroud of Turin and the Latest Scientific Studies,” “Attention Deficit Disorder – Advantage or Disadvantage,” and the life stories of St. José Luis Sánchez del Río, Fr. Emil Kapaun, and many more.

Please subscribe to the YouTube program — there is no charge — and share these interviews with friends, social media contacts, and loved ones. And know that I would love to speak at your church or conference on Divine Mercy, Eucharist, Our Lady, and the gift of life.

Lastly, please continue to support our work. The production costs 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.

“Mercy is love that seeks to lessen the misery of others”
— Bryan Thatcher, MD
WESTCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA
Pat Bogusch wrote and told us:

The Divine Mercy Cenacle is an opportunity for people to gather and become more familiar with the precepts of Jesus as Divine Mercy. The group studies the Diary of St. Faustina, which includes her personal conversations with Jesus. Our small groups study the writings with the help of Cenacle Formation Manuals, Holy Scripture, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Following the discussion, the group then prays for the parish intentions and recites the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The goal of each member is to become a Eucharistic Apostle of The Divine Mercy with our mission of building up the local parish through evangelization, works of mercy, and promoting Eucharistic devotion.

Our Cenacle was formed several years ago after a number of parishioners completed a parish retreat based on the book 33 Days to Morning Glory. By the end of our retreat, our members’ hearts had been nurtured and were open to hear the beautiful presentation by Chris Cassidy, our founder, on starting a Cenacle. Chris presented with the encouragement of our pastor, Msgr. Angelo Citino. Monsignor Citino’s first commitment is to the spiritual growth of each member of the parish. He encourages a new group to consider parish outreach, especially to the elderly and homebound people who are unable to attend Mass and parish activities.

The group started with eight to 10 people, meeting every other Tuesday. We quickly grew to 15 members, and another group was started that meets on the opposite Tuesday. Our first group has completed their studies and had the Induction ceremony as Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy. This spring, we were able to mark the event with a small celebration and dedication ceremony with our pastor, Msgr. Angelo Citino. Our second group continues to work toward this goal.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS
Mary Pellizzari wrote and told us:

Among our 13 Divine Mercy Cenacles, the most unique is Divine Mercy Group No. 7, which has only one member, Steve Mack, a resident of a nursing home/rehabilitation center in Moline, Illinois, on the far west side of our Peoria Diocese. At age 49, Steve is among the youngest of the residents. I met him in the spring of 2017 when my mother became a patient there. He would be walking the very long halls using his walker with a pillow strapped on to protect any person or wall he might not see due to his blindness.

Each evening as I left after caring for my mother, Steve would be seated next to a receptionist at the front door who read the Holy Bible to him. He always says goodbye to those he knows with, “Have a good day tomorrow, and God is love,” said with a warm smile and much love. What an ambassador he is for the Lord!

Steve has been suffering from diabetes since 1993, has needed resident nursing care since 2003, and became blind in 2005. He has a brace on his left leg due to fractures of the leg and ankle. He has been in COVID lockdown since March 2020, restricted to the room he shares with another patient. He faithfully listens to the Sunday Mass of Cardinal Dolan of New York, as well as other Catholic platforms. He has not been able to receive our Lord in Holy Communion or have visitors, including his parents, since the lockdown.

My mother died in January 2018, but I continued my friendship with Steve on my visits to his area. On Nov. 12, 2018, during a visit with him, we discussed his becoming a member of a Divine Mercy Cenacle, which he was excited to do. I gave a small statue of the Divine Mercy to Steve so he would be able to feel the rays of Jesus in 3D. We began our first lesson on Nov. 19 by phone, continuing on Mondays at 7 p.m. for an hour and ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Even though we live three hours apart by car, we have continued the lessons and are now in Book #3. His Induction Ceremony was January 27, 2020, by phone. Little did we know COVID was straight ahead.

Steve has a sharp mind and a fantastic memory for dates, etc. He has a cheerful and loving personality, and unites his sufferings to Jesus for souls. He spreads the Divine Mercy message to those he meets in person or by phone. He is an inspiration to me, and hopefully will be for you, as well, proving a Cenacle can take many forms, even by phone or Zoom, in difficult situations. Please keep Steve in your prayers, and be willing to start your own unique Divine Mercy Cenacle!
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

APIA, SAMOA
Tina Faia wrote and told us:

The Samoan people have been very active in learning and spreading the message over the years. Currently there are many cenacles all over the islands, and pilgrimage centers are in every parish, taking the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe images to every family. The veneration of the images is led by Divine Mercy devotee Alesana Alalatoa; and we have almost covered the entire main island, including areas such as the hospital, the airport, and all across the island of Savaii.

Cenacle Formation Manual #1 has been translated into the Samoan language and divided into three sections so that people can easily understand the message. I am awaiting the approval of #2 by the Archbishop. I also ask you to pray for that intention.

[Bryan Thatcher, MD: I first traveled to Samoa in 1998 and met Archbishop Pio; he embraced our work and appointed Fr. Alapati as spiritual director for EADM on the islands. When Archbishop Pio died, Rome appointed Fr. Alapati as the new archbishop. The people love the message of Divine Mercy and Our Blessed Mother. I have been to Samoa three times and hope to make it there in August when they are to host the next World Apostolic Congress on Divine Mercy (WACOM). Tina mentions that the formation manual has been translated into the Samoan language; the manuals have now been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, German, Lukonda (the main dialect in Uganda), and Samoan.]

Weekly Podcast Started

“Pearls of Divine Mercy” is a new podcast of vignettes. You can listen to it at TheDivineMercy.org/podcasts. Each podcast is a three to five minute teaching on a variety of spiritual topics that will help you better understand various facets of Divine Mercy and how to better live the message of mercy. The topics include the Image, Chaplet, Feast, Eucharist, Reconciliation, forgiveness, trust, suffering, humility, the tongue, and more. The talks are designed to give you a taste of the sweetness of the Divine Mercy message. Check the website for the short lesson each week. I hope you enjoy them!
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The 10 evangelical virtues of Our Lady

by Dr. Bryan Thatcher

(Part One)

The 10 evangelical virtues of Our Lady are based in the Gospel writings and have been part of the Marian Fathers’ Rule of Life since the founding of the Congregation in 1670. One of the greatest of the early Marian Fathers, Fr. Casimir Wyszyński, said, “Whoever wants to glorify the Blessed Virgin Mary and wishes to stay under her protection, should love and respect her — but above all, should exercise the evangelical virtues and, through this, shall follow Mary’s example.” The symbol used by the Marians for these 10 virtues is a 10-pointed star, with each point or ray representing one of the virtues. The original is located on the ceiling of an 18th century Marian Church in Gozlin, Poland.

There is also the Chaplet of the Ten Evangelical Virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary; this is a wonderful way to integrate these 10 virtues into your life. The Venerable Servant of God Fr. Casimir understood and expressed best the spiritual significance of this powerful prayer; he wrote in the introduction of The Morning Star, “Although our most beloved Lady was shining with innumerable virtues, all but 10 were difficult not only to imitate, but even to understand, because, through them, Our Lady surpassed the angels themselves, let alone the holiest of men. The Holy Spirit desired that the Gospels recount for us only those 10 virtues since they can be acquired not by Mary alone, but by all of us.”

It makes perfect sense, then, that, as a rule of life, the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception accepted the Rule of the Ten Virtues of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. This rule has its roots in a religious order dedicated to Our Lady. In 1502, an order of women religious was founded and named the Order of the Immaculate Conception. They received this rule in 1699, and up to 1909, Marian priests and brothers professed their solemn vows based on the Rule of the Ten Virtues.

We should pray this chaplet, as we should all of our prayers, with all our heart and reflect on Our Lady’s virtues. Pray it as you would the Rosary; begin with the Sign of the Cross. Then, with each decade, the Our Father is prayed, followed by 10 Hail Marys and a Glory Be. With each Hail Mary, after you recite “Holy Mary, Mother of God,” one virtue is offered in prayer, proceeding in the order in which they are presented, from “Most Pure” to “Most Sorrowful.” Then close with “pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

Purity is the first of the ten evangelical virtues. Our Blessed Mother had a pure heart with pure intentions, and with this she was able to stay in God’s will. She had total trust in God and saw His hand in everything. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Mt 5:8). Walking with God in her joys and sorrows gave her comfort in times of trial, as well as great inner peace. She praised God in all things, as seen in the words of the Magnificat: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my soul rejoices in God my savior” (Lk 1:46-47).

Mary had complete trust in God. Look at the Annunciation and all the events as they unfolded in her life. When the Archangel Gabriel told her that she was to give birth to the Son of God and Messiah, her reply was, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (Lk 1:39). Mary was the vessel through which God worked. She is the perfect role model for us struggling pilgrims as we traverse this valley of tears.

Like the Blessed Mother and the saints that followed, we must keep our focus on God. This is best done through prayer; our entire day should be a continuous prayer to God. We should attend Mass and receive Holy Communion as often as our station in life permits. Prayer may be reciting a Rosary and meditating on the Mysteries, praying a Divine Mercy Chaplet, sitting in front of Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration and basking in His rays of mercy, or just opening your heart and talking to God.

Purity of heart requires a disposition to do God’s will in all things. We should not do deeds of mercy to draw attention to ourselves. This is purity of intention. Purity of the heart requires taking a moral high ground and having pure thoughts and actions. Pornography is the antithesis of chastity. When purity is absent, the result is a lack of chastity. In today’s society, we see a decaying of the moral fiber. It encourages a lack of respect for the human body. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes chastity as “the integration of sexuality within a person” and the “achieving of self-mastery” (2337, 2339).

Purity is often symbolized in artistic works of the saints as flowers. For example, St. Joseph and St. Anthony are usually seen holding a bouquet of lilies, and St. Therese is shown holding roses. Purity is difficult to obtain and master. It requires training and discipline. If we continue to make the effort and develop a strong prayer life, we can become more pure each day. As we traverse the road of life, let us try to obtain the virtue of purity so that our hearts will beat more in union with Jesus’ Merciful Heart, so that purity and holiness will exude from us.
**Come hear Bryan speak**

Dr. Bryan Thatcher, director of Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy, will be speaking:

- **June 8-9** — Sacred Heart Church, Colwick, Kansas
- **June 19** — Catholic Holy Martyrs Divine Mercy Conference in Murietta, California; Contact Barbara at 951-970-5857.

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If your cenacle would like to have Bryan speak at your parish, call the EADM office at 1-877-380-0727.

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