



An explanation of **the image of the Divine Mercy** of Christ, that was given to St. Faustina.

Jesus appeared to Blessed Faustina with rays of red and pale light streaming from the area around His heart. His right hand was raised in blessing, recalling the scene of Easter Sunday night (see Jn 20: 19-23).

He asked Blessed Faustina to have this vision painted signed with the words, *Jesus, I trust in You!*

*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.*

(Diary, 327).

Jesus explained that the rays represented the blood and water which flowed from His pierced side, and He taught Blessed Faustina the prayer:

*O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You* (Diary, 84).

Jesus told Blessed Faustina that this image was to be venerated first in the Sisters' chapel, and then throughout the world (Diary, 47)