



## Minute of Mercy

### BEARING WRONGS

***“Let everything glorify You, O Lord. Patience gives glory to God.”***  
*[Diary#920]*

*It is a natural defense mechanism to become impatient when someone has wronged us. However, when we allow this impatience to fester within, we allow division among ourselves to grow larger than the offense itself merited. We may not anticipate the damage that may regrettably last a lifetime. As Christians, we know well what Christ has taught us in these situations. Unfortunately, more times than not, we give in to our anger of being wronged and forget these teachings. As always, we have recourse to prayer. In prayer, the Lord will remind us just how often He has been so merciful as to forgive us and that we are obliged to do the same to our brothers and sisters in the Lord. When we move ourselves past the wrongs and our peace seems to return, it is imperative to remember the pitfalls. When we forgive others, then complain or gossip to others about the person who wronged us, we have effectively negated all our time in prayer, or worse, we have caused more damage by damaging another’s reputation. Damaging another’s reputation often is considered murder; murder in the sense of ruining another’s reputation. We must allow the grace of God to fully work within our hearts, minds and souls. This benefits others as well as us. So it is, we can see the snowball effect of wrong doing, complaining and gossiping. We must work hard to train ourselves to trust God who will work all things to the good of all.*

***“My pupil, have great love for those who cause you suffering. Do good to those who hate you. I answered, ‘O my Master, You see very well that I feel no love for them, and that troubles me.’ Jesus answered, **It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognize that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance and contradiction, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who have made you suffer and wish them well.**”*** *[Diary#1628]*

### Mercy in Action

*This week’s **Mercy in Action** is for all of St. Peter Parish to try and NOT gossip at all this week. Have a merciful outlook and reflect on the damaging effects of gossiping.*