



MISERICORDIA

Have Mercy Jesus, We Trust in You



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Immaculate Conception

December 15th

Father Dan Dubroy celebrates 20 years

December 25

Jesus is born

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Divine Mercy - Misericordia

Welcome to Misericordia, an online newsletter concerning all things Mercy as seen through the eyes of the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II wrote an encyclical in 1980 and called it *Dives in Misericordia*, (Rich in Mercy). It is the foundation of our community here in Ottawa.

Our website details our essence and activities (www.mercypope.org) that aid in proclaiming this message that is so rich in the mercy of God!

The Centre came into being on February 22, 2006 the feast of the Chair of St. Peter and seventy-five years to the day that Jesus had appeared to St. Faustina asking her to be His Apostle of Mercy. In the five years since its inception we have seen the Lord bless the message with abundance!

There are now twenty-five cenacle groups including the Men of the Eucharist and the Women of Mercy.

We are trusting and waiting on the Lord to provide us with a centre which we hope will also be a Eucharistic Chapel where the mercy community will gather to pray for priests and vocations.

We believe that a group of women will gather under the mantle of the Women of the Eucharist to anchor this chapel. Perhaps some of these women will live together.

We are praying that the Lord will provide land where the community can create a retreat centre.

We would like to establish a evangelization aspect to our ministry, to bring Catholic evangelist and teachers to Ottawa.

We are interested in being associated with the international community of mercy of which Cardinal Ouellette is, at present, the Canadian director.

We have many hopes for the message of mercy and will use this newsletter to hopefully keep you informed as to how the Lord is moving and we want to especially ask if you would like to be involved? Do you have any ideas or resources to offer that will advance perhaps the most important message in the Church today, that Jesus comes now as a God of infinite mercy? It is critical that we embrace this message today!

Let us know what is going on in your groups, sends us articles, pictures and news. Share your experiences of His mercy and share the newsletter with friends and family. Most especially trust always in Him who is an ocean of mercy!

We have begun our Advent journey and we place all of our hopes in the hands of Mary, who is the Immaculate Conception, the epitome of God's mercy. Let us ask Mary to prepare us a way for the Lord to lead us to the Father of all mercy!

Father Dan Dubroy
Spiritual Director

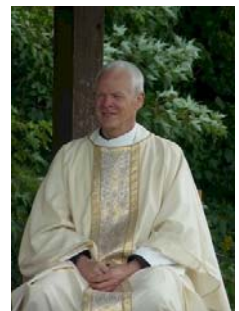
Father Dan Dubroy celebrates his 20th Anniversary

On December 15th, Father Dan Dubroy will celebrate his 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood.

May God bless him and grant him strength and peace to be a priest for Jesus Christ!

"When you see a priest, you should say, "There is he who made me a child of God, and opened heaven to me by holy baptism; he who purified me after I had sinned; who gives nourishment to my soul."" Saint Jean Marie Vianney, the Curé d'Ars

Following his ordination, Father Dan served as pastor in several of the churches in the Ottawa diocese. He is now the chaplain at the Queensway Carleton Hospital. In addition to his work at the hospital, Father Dan is the Spiritual Director of the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy.





Mark 11:24:

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”



Saint Faustina

The Immaculate Conception



The Annunciation by Bartolomé Estéban Murillo

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2007, the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy was consecrated to Our Blessed Mother under the mantle of the Immaculate Conception.

She who was conceived without sin represents mercy in its purest form.

Mary had no need of restoration as she did not suffer Original Sin and, as such, then is able to lead us to her son who is the Divine Mercy of God.

She stands with us at the foot of the Cross as we draw life from Jesus crucified. We are purified in the blood and water that flowed from his side. This blood represents the Eucharist, the lifeblood of souls and the water, the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation where we are washed clean in the Holy Water of Christ.

On December 8, 2007, Cardinal Hummes, the Prefect for the Congregation for the Clergy issued a letter, with the blessing of the Holy Father, asking that every diocese in the

world establish a Eucharistic Adoration chapel to pray for priests and vocations. He also initiated an invitation to all women to embrace their spiritual maternity, to adopt priests in prayer for their sanctification.

[Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests and Spiritual Maternity \(.pdf\)](#)



As the John Paul II Centre was consecrated to Mary on that day, we understand this to be our special call. Mary was and is the **Mother of the Eucharist**, we also respond in mercy to be men and women of the Eucharist.

*HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE,
THE LORD IS WITH YOU*

Cenacle News

Keith and Peggy Doucette celebrated 25 years of marriage on November 20.

Their story follows.

Father Dan Dubroy celebrates 20 years in the priesthood on December 15th.

Welcome to our new cenacle groups.

St. Catherine's in Metcalfe

St. Mary's in Ottawa.

Mike & José Seguin's group in Orleans.

Thanks be to God!

Father Dan, Keith Doucette and Mike Seguin are leading a men's retreat January 14-16. All men are welcome but there are only 50 spots.

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The most holy Mother said to me, 'Take my Dearest Treasure', and she handed me the Infant Jesus. Saint Maria Faustina

Women of the Eucharist

At the Annunciation, Mary's Fiat, (Lk, 1 vs 26 ff) opens her to the title, Woman of the Eucharist and her offering in thanksgiving makes her Mother of this Eucharistic Lord who is Jesus Christ! (Pope John Paul II)

She experiences, in this union, a kind of transubstantiation as she takes to herself the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Lord who is this eternal Eucharist of the Father.

She, among all women, is worthy of such a title, being conceived without Original Sin and full of grace, her womb is truly blessed (Lk, 1 vs 39 ff).

On December 8, 2007, the Solemnity of this Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father reached out to the whole of the Catholic world by asking, through the Congregation for the Clergy, that each

diocese establish adoration chapels or shrine churches to pray specifically for priests and vocations to the priesthood.

Although Mary is both Woman and Mother of the Eucharist, without the priest, there is no continuation of this saving and sacred action and so the Pope asks every woman in the Catholic world to exercise her spiritual maternity, to become both a Woman and Mother of the Eucharist in imitation of the Mother of God.

St. Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, as the Apostle of the Divine Mercy, embraced such action during her lifetime. Through prayer and suffering, she affected a movement making present the message Jesus asked her to carry to the world.

It is this message that the Women of the Eucharist lives out as their call, to be a Bethany as Faustina suggests where Jesus may come to rest (Diary, 735). As women surrendered in union with their God, they pray, Father for the sake of His sorrowful passion (His Eucharist) have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy has taken up this initiative by inviting all women to become a eucharist, a host, (Diary, 641) as in thanksgiving, to offer her life to Jesus for His priests.

Please keep this intention in your prayers as we listen for the Lord's will.

MIHI VIVERE CHRISTUS EST



"From now on it is only through a conscious choice and through a deliberate policy that humanity can survive."

Pope John Paul II

"Have you ever wondered which hurts the most:

saying something and wishing you had not,

or

saying nothing, and wishing you had?"

Saint Jean Vianney's Prayer to Jesus



I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving

You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You,

I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

St. Jean Marie Vianney

Saint Therese of Lisieux *The Little Flower*

"I have not the courage to force myself to seek beautiful prayers in books; not knowing which to choose I act as children do who cannot read; I say quite simply to the good God what I want to tell Him, and He always understands me."

St. Therese de Lisieux

Novena to St. Therese de Lisieux

Saint Therese, the Little Flower, please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of Love. .

Ask God to grant me the Favour I thee implore (your request here) and tell Him I will love Him each day more and more. .Amen

(The above prayer, plus 3 Our Father's 3 Hail Mary's and 3 Glory Be's, must be said on 9 successive days.



St. Therese of Lisieux
The Little Flower

Christmas Joy to the world, the Lord has come.

From Peggy and Keith Doucette

God is and has been forever present in our 25 years of marriage. We just celebrated our 25th. Wedding Anniversary on November 9, 2010. As we reflect over the years, we praise God for His unconditional love and mercy.

Key words which seem to have taken root in our lives which have kept our hearts fixed on Jesus are; obedience, grace, trust, mercy and peace.



God has called us to be obedient to His Church's Teachings. One area in particular is "openness to life". Through obedience, God has showered many graces and blessings upon our family. We have 8 living children, 1 child who died of SIDS and 4 miscarriages. Our children are Andre, Kyle, Shayla, Vanessa, Elizabeth, Teresa, Joshua and Victoria.

The challenges of everyday life from raising children, death of a child, home-schooling, miscarriage, laid off before Christmas, trying to be a Catholic in a secular world, sorrows and joys, fortunate and unfortunate events. God has provided many opportunities in our life to become more dependent on Him and also to see Him at work in all of these situations. As St. Therese of Lisieux stated, "Everything is Grace".

We look back at the time when we lost our son through SIDS, Johnathan, he was 3 months old, and he was our 6th Child. It was a very difficult time for our family and those around us. God did not abandon us, His love and grace carried us through that time with a trust and peace which only can come from God. He surrounded us by family, close friends and the greater Catholic Community to walk with us.

We have been involved in many Catholic lay ministries. God has blessed us either in leadership, being part of or partaking in different ministries and/or courses within the Church. One of the greatest gifts that God has given our family is Eucharistic Adoration. Our family is committed to hours of Eucharistic Adoration every week. This is a time where we can be "still before God", "adore" and "praise" Him.

Another very significant blessing in our lives has been our involvement with Divine Mercy. We are part of the Guiding Board for the John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy, Men of the Eucharist for Divine Mercy and involved in two Divine Mercy Cenacles. What a gift to us from God. The message of mercy is not only a devotion, but a way of life. Learning to trust in Jesus and believing that everything God allows are opportunities to grow closer to Him daily in marriage, as a family and in our journey through life.

God has placed many inspirational people in our lives through His Divine Mercy. We are discovering and experiencing God's graces through the Sacraments as well. God is also showing us how to be merciful. The message of mercy is about dying to self and becoming more aware of others and our need for God. Where there is love, there is mercy and where there is mercy, God will shower His love upon you and those around you.

We pray for all people to experience God's love, compassion, mercy and peace. He is always extending His rays of mercy and compassion to all, we just have to respond.

In His mercy,



Keith and Peggy Doucette



**The John Paul II
Centre
for
Divine Mercy**

**We are the
Easter people
and our song is
Alleluia!**

Our Mission...

Our mission as brothers and sisters of one Father in Christ, is to announce through the power of the Holy Spirit, the mercy of God to all people and by our presence to help parishes be more conscious of this mystery, all under the protection of Mary the Mother of Mercy. Our lives are rooted in the Eucharist and Sacrament of Reconciliation and in this belonging we are faithful to the Holy Father.

"And if at times he, (modern man), lacks the courage to utter the word mercy or if in his conscience empty of religious content, he does not find the equivalent, so much greater is the need for the Church to utter this word, not only in her own name but also in the name of all the men and women of our time."

(Dives in Misericordia, 15)

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Contributions to our Newsletter

The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy is providing this newsletter to keep you informed of the latest news and events that are happening around Divine Mercy.

The newsletter will be published throughout the year as news and events occur.

We welcome and encourage you to submit information about your cenacle groups and/or articles you would like to share with other groups.

Submissions from individuals or any other groups within the diocese are also welcomed.

If for any reason you decide that you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you simply need to email us at:

info@mercypope.org

and we will remove you from the list.

Thank you in advance for joining us in our efforts to help spread the message of Divine Mercy.

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I believe in

***God
Jesus Christ
&
the Holy Spirit***

***The Holy Catholic
Church
The Communion of
Saints***

***The forgiveness of
sins***

***The resurrection of
the body***

***&
life everlasting***

Because the King of kings was born on Christmas day