

DIVINE MERCY OVERVIEW

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Apostle of Divine Mercy

St. Faustina

- Born: Helena Kowalska
August 25, 1905
Village of Glogowiec, Poland
- 1912-At age seven, hears for the first time the call to the religious life.
- August 1, 1925-Enters the congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy at age 20.
- Helena receives the name of Sr. Maria Faustina
- Died: October 5, 1938 from TB
- Buried: October 7, 1938 on the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary.



The Divine Mercy Image

•February 22, 1931-Sr. Faustina sees a vision of the Lord Jesus, who asks her to paint an image according to the pattern she sees (Diary 47).

•Sign the Image: Jesus, I trust in You!

•Image's Purpose: To be venerated.

As a reminder of God's
Love and Mercy.

A vessel to obtain graces.

•June, 1934-Painting of Image is completed.

•April 28, 1935-Image is publicly venerated.

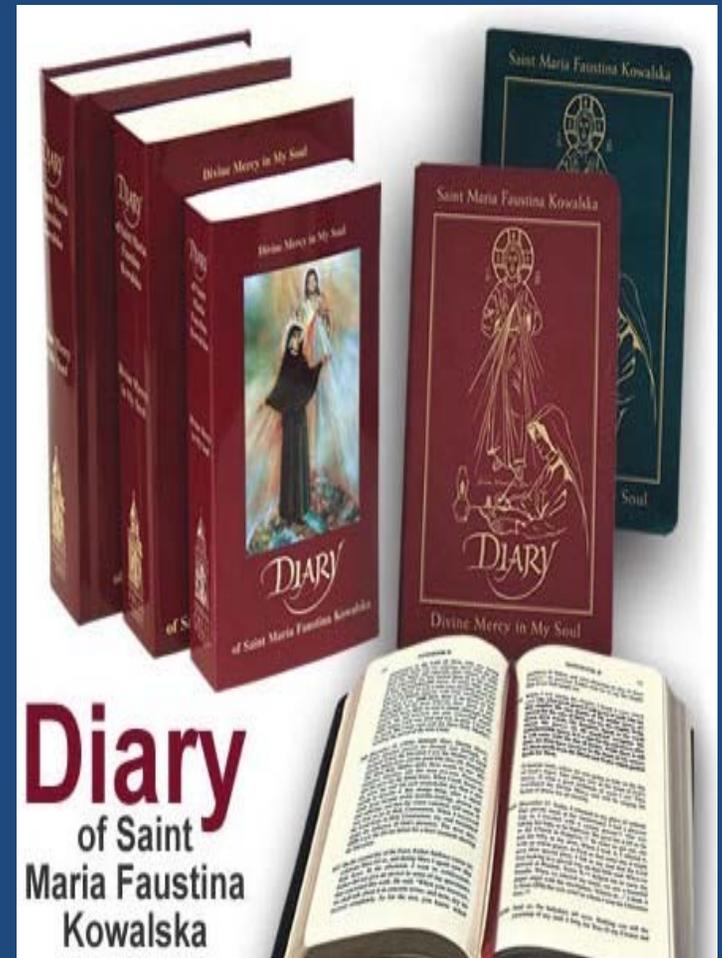
•September, 1937-Holy cards with the Divine Mercy Image are circulated.

•1940-1941-Victims of WW II are among the first to be comforted by the Divine Mercy Image.



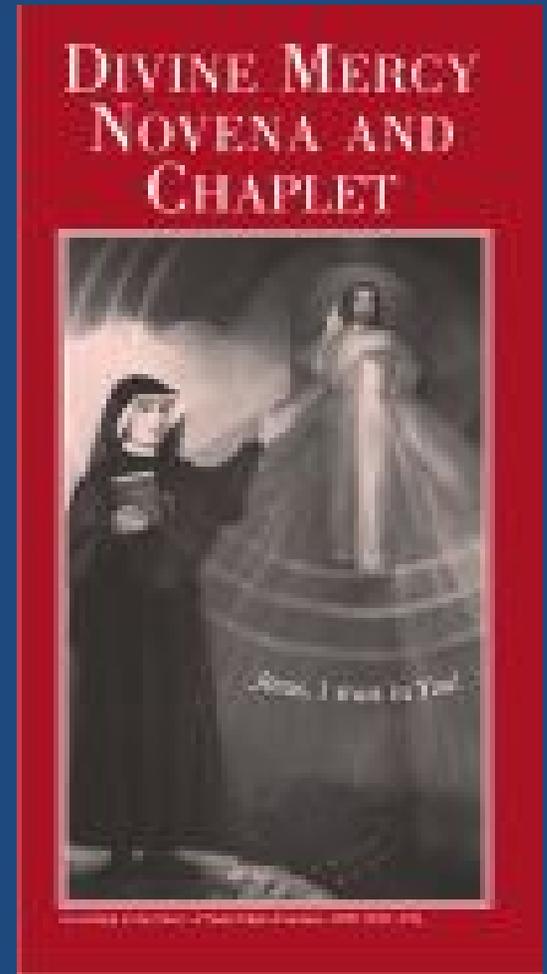
Diary of St. Faustina

- Sr. Faustina only had three years of formal education.
- Sr. Faustina's Spiritual Director Fr. Sopocko requests Sister to keep a notebook with her conversations with God.
- Jesus often refers to Sr. Faustina as His "Secretary of Mercy."
- Jesus encourages Sr. Faustina to write everything down in her notebook (Diary 459).
- Sr. Faustina wrote seven notebooks total. These notebooks make-up the Diary.



The Divine Mercy Chaplet

- Jesus taught Sr. Faustina a prayer –Known today as The Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- The Chaplet consists of several prayers that appease God.
- Jesus promises:
 - Conversion of sinners when the Chaplet is said on their behalf.
 - Those who will recite the Chaplet will receive great mercy at the hour of death.
 - Unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in His Mercy.
 - Souls who spread the honor of His Mercy will be shielded their entire lives and at the hour of death, Jesus will not be the Judge, but rather the Merciful Savior.



- The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said on the Rosary:

The Sign of the Cross

Opening Prayers

The Our Father

The Hail Mary

The Apostle's Creed

- On the "Our Father" beads:

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.

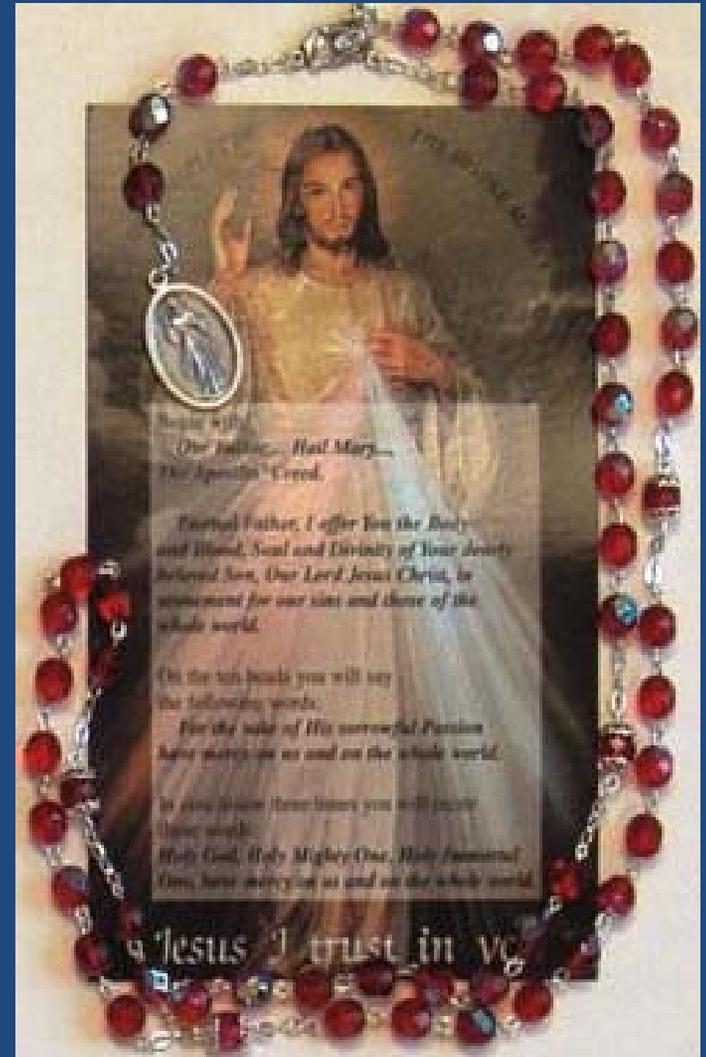
- On the "Hail Mary" beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have
mercy on us and on the whole world.

- After 5 decades:

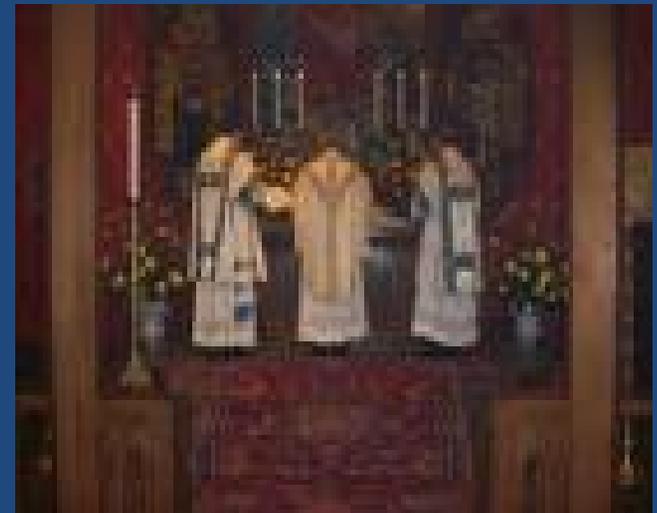
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal
One, have mercy on us and on the whole world
(3 x's).

- Closing Prayer



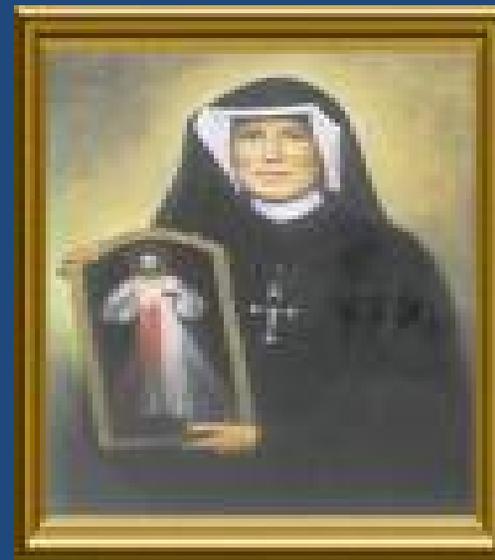
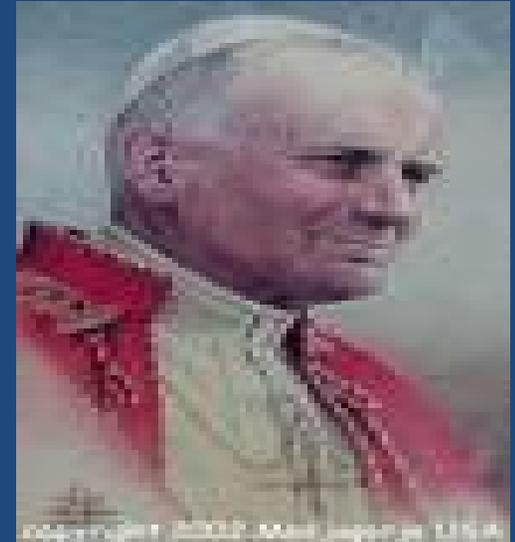
Divine Mercy Sunday

- Jesus told St. Faustina, “I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it” (Diary 341).
- Jesus said, “On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet” (Diary 699).
- On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.
- April 22, 2002-Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated officially for the first time by the Universal Church.
- August 21, 2002-Pope John Paul II attaches Indulgences to devotions in honor of Divine Mercy.



Beatification & Canonization of St. Faustina

- October 21, 1965-Cardinal Karol Wojtyla begins the Informative Process of Sr. Faustina's Life.
- September, 1967-Beatification process is inaugurated.
- April 18, 1993-Sr. Faustina beatified in Rome on Second Sunday of Easter.
- April 30, 2000-Sr. Faustina is canonized.



Spreading the Message of Divine Mercy

- April, 1941-Fr. Joseph Jarzebowski, Marians of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) brings DM Message to America.
- 1942-1959-DM message spread worldwide by MIC.
- May, 1980-MIC publishes the first edition of Sr. Faustina's Diary in Polish.
- November, 1980-Pope John Paul II issues encyclical-"Dives in Misericordia."
- 1986-Diary published in English.
- December, 2000-Devotion to the DM is listed in the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines.
- August 11, 2007-EVCP holds First Annual DM Day of Reflection.
- 2008-EVCP begins spreading the message of DM, Archdiocesan Wide with Workshops
- August 9, 2008-EVCP holds Second Annual DM Day of Reflection.



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