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Cenacles of The Divine Mercy

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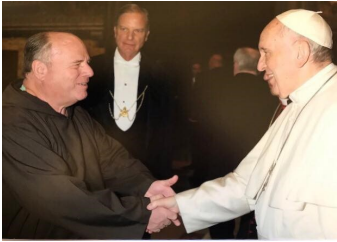


Jesus, I Trust in You

For God and Souls

Fall Edition

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Renowned Capuchin Preacher Father Vincent Fortunato, OFM Cap, Headlines Divine Mercy Day of Healing

A Pope Francis' Missioner of Mercy

Charlotte NC— September 17, 2018—Father Vinny, as he likes to be called, will headline the 9th Annual Divine Mercy Day of Healing on October 6th. The theme of the event is “The Divine Mercy Movement Transforms the Culture of Death”, reports Deacon Gary Schrieber, Leader of Divine Mercy Cenacles at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Also on the program are Deronda Metz, Director of Social Services for Salvation Army’s Center of Hope, who will speak on “Mercy is Transformative,” for the women and children served at The Center of Hope.

Deacon James Witulski, of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, will give a talk on the power of Mercy in the Jail Ministry, for which he is the Diocesan Liaison for Mecklenburg County. Deacon Witulski leads 20 volunteers in serving the incarcerated.

Deacon Gary Schrieber, of St. Matthew Catholic Church, will speak on The Divine Mercy Movement Taking Hold in Charlotte and throughout the Carolinas.

In his keynote address, Father Fortunato will provide evidence of how saints, known for their merciful interaction with those in need, proved to be transformative.

The program is on October 6, 2018 from 9:00 am – to – 3:00 pm at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28277. Registration is \$35 per person; \$25 for Seniors and includes Light Breakfast and Box Lunch. Register: www.stmatthewcatholic.org/divinemeracy.

Part I: Worship-Sanctuary

9:00 am - Mass, Homily, Singing of Chaplet, Anointing of Sick, Blessing with St. Faustina’s Relic, Celebrants: Pastor Father Patrick T. Hoare, Father Vinny Fortunato, OFM Cap.

Part II: Symposium (\$35) - Banquet Room

Divine Mercy Movement Transforms Culture of Death

10:15am	Registration/Breakfast
10:45am	Welcome & Hymn: Mary’s Song
11:00am	“Mercy is Transformative”
Kickoff	-Deronda Metz, Center of Hope
11:45am	Box Lunch/Resource Tables
12:15pm	“Jail Ministry and Mercy”
	- Deacon James Witulski
1:00 pm	15” Break, Resource Tables
1:15 pm	“Divine Mercy Movement”
	- Deacon Gary Schrieber
1:45 pm	“Transforming the Culture of Death to Culture of Life” -Rev. Vincent Fortunato, OFM Cap
2:45 pm	Resource Tables
3:00 pm	Closing Song: America
Partners	



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Deronda Metz



Deacon Witulski



Deacon Schrieber



Cenacle Members of Divine Mercy Witness Sharings

A few months ago my wife gave me a coupon for discounted sandwiches at Jersey Mike's. As always, I placed it in my office "in basket", for possible future use. Then I noticed that the expiration date was near, so I decided to go and redeem it.

As I parked my car and started to walk to Jersey Mikes, I came upon an African American lady sitting on a bench crying out to God profusely for help. People were ignoring her.

I stopped and asked her, "what was the matter?". She told me about her plight in life. She was obviously in a bad "place" and needed consoling. I held her hand, kissed her on the forehead, and asked her if she believed in God. She said she did. I told her that through God, it would be alright. I then gave her what was in my wallet - \$5 and walked on to Jersey Mikes.

As I was ordering my sandwich, chips and drink I knew what I was going to do if she was still sitting on the bench when I walked back to my car. She was. I gave her my meal and told her to have faith and that everything would be alright. She looked up at me with tears streaming down her face and said "thank you man of God". I was choked up as I went on my way knowing that God had just used me to help this poor destitute woman.

-- John Feathers

TRUST

I wanted to let you know about a "God moment" I had on Saturday 8/4/18. I had been very worried about my son, who suffers from depression, etc. I went to church and arrived a half-hour early so I could pray for my son. I lit candles, prayed to Mother Mary, St Monica, St Dymphna, St Therese... you get my drift. I felt so lost and did not know who else to pray to, so I dug into my purse and pulled out a booklet I had purchased at our last Divine Mercy Day of Healing. It is called "Divine Mercy as a Way of Life, The Role of Forgiveness, Trust and Mercy in Our Lives" by Dr Bryan Thatcher.

I started flipping through the book until I came to a section on Trust. I read the following "Anxiety and trust in God are incompatible; anxiety about anything, especially things that are out of our control, reflects a certain disbelief and lack of trust in God. Many of us spend so much time and effort and energy worrying about what could, might, and will happen that we lose track of the moment. We must stay in the present and focus on what we are doing now, and how we stand before the Lord today. We do not need to worry about tomorrow; we can learn a lesson from the Israelites as the manna they ate in the desert was only good for one day. (Ex 16). That is, each day they had to trust that the Lord would provide."

I felt better after reading this section and I put my book away as Mass was about to begin. Guess what the 1st Reading was? Exodus 16! As I listened to what I had just read in my book I thanked God for making it **obvious** to me that all I need to do is Trust in his mercy.

—Annie Guteres

Jesus, I Trust in You!



This past June 9th, the Cenacles of Divine Mercy held its first 1/2 day retreat to enrich the spiritual life of its members. Father Ken Geraci, of the Fathers of Mercy, served as retreat master and by all accounts it was an outstanding success. Therefore, Deacon Gary Schrieber and the core team decided that a 1/2 Saturday retreat should become an annual event. "What better way than to spend Saturday morning experiencing the presence of God and then still have the rest of the day for family life," said Desiree Stout, a cenacle member.



On Sat., Sept. 8, 2018, Maria Pena and Capuchin Friars of the Province of the Sacred Stigmata helped Kathy Consler man the booth at the Eucharist Congress to spread the Divine Mercy message. We spoke to lots of people about Cenacles – what they are, how to form one in their own Parish- and the Cenacle Introductory Classes held at St. Matthew. We advertised the October 6th, "Ninth Annual Divine Mercy Day of Healing." Our booth was outside the Conference Spanish Track. One of the Spanish speakers spoke of his devotion to Divine Mercy and that prompted many Spanish speaking participants to stop at our booth and inquire more about it. Thank you, Jesus, for sending me Maria Pena that day to help. She spoke so passionately to these people about Divine Mercy. The Friars were a real draw. Their presence helped us segue the conversation into announcing Capuchin Fr. Vincent Fortunato as the keynote speaker for the Day of Healing. People were drawn to the Friars like magnets. One young mother brought her daughter to the booth because her daughter was so excited when she saw the friars that she exclaimed, "Look mommy REAL MONKS!" —Kathy Consler

Inductees

Nineteen New Divine Mercy Cenacle members will be inducted as *Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy* at the October 6th DM Day of Healing during the "Divine Mercy Movement Transforms the Culture of Death" Symposium.

They are: Jacqueline Ganzon, Rodolpho Ganzon, Ma. Soniet Montesclaros, Yuri Montesclaros, Elmer Satina, Valerie Santana, Jesse Strausbaugh, Peter Villadarez, Belinda Villadarez, Judy Stumbo, John Stumbo, Patricia Duran, Oscar Duran, Amanda Jasso, Hector Jasso, Tessie Astroza, Margie Lorenzo, Perri Bomar, and Diane Scaife.

Visit the Cenacles of Divine Mercy table

at the September 22-23 Ministry Fair in the Banquet Room of the New Life Center after Mass. Also visit the Waxhaw Ministry Fair on October 19-20. New Cenacles continue to form and volunteer opportunities abound.

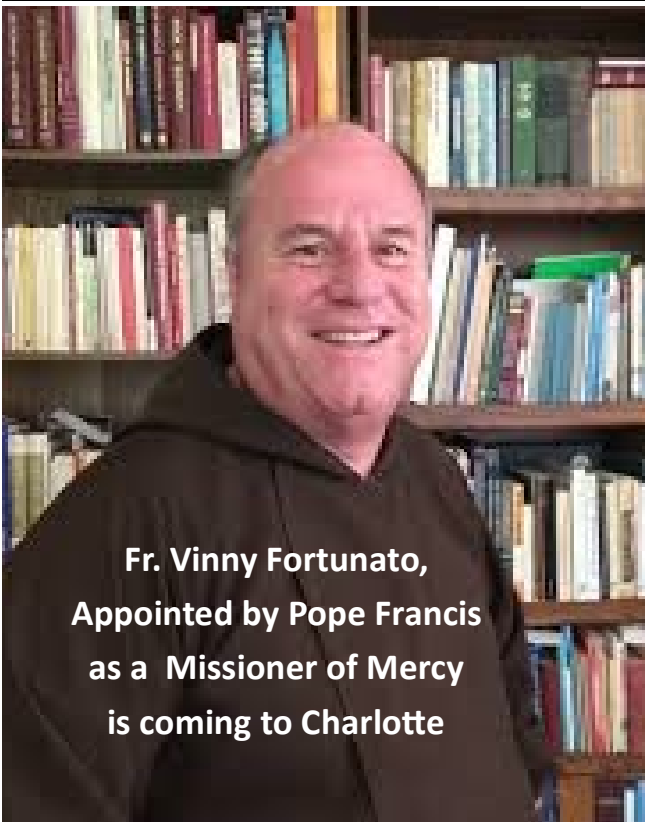
Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

for the success of the 9th Annual DM Day of Healing begins on September 27th and ends on October 5th.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

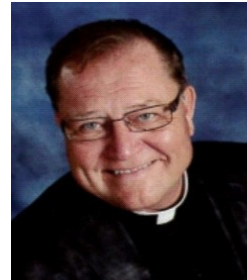
On the first Thursday of each month at **7:30 pm in the Daily Mass Chapel**, we offer a Divine Mercy Holy Hour. However, since the Divine Mercy Day of Healing is on October 6th, the next Holy Hour will be on November 8th.. Deacon Gary Schrieber leads the celebration which includes scripture, excerpts from St. Faustina's Diary; singing of The Divine Mercy Chaplet and blessing with St. Faustina's 1st Class Relic. The intention for this Holy Hour is for the support of the Cenacles of Divine Mercy's contribution to the growth of the community's spiritual life.

How Does The Divine Mercy Movement Transform The Culture of Death?



Fr. Vinny Fortunato,
Appointed by Pope Francis
as a Missioner of Mercy
is coming to Charlotte

Hear Renowned Capuchin Preacher, Fr. Vinny Fortunato, OFM Cap, speak on “How Mercy Transforms the Culture of Death”



Deronda Metz, Director of Social Services for the Center of Hope; Deacon James Witulski, Diocesan Liaison for Catholic Jail Ministry and Deacon Gary Schrieber, Director of Cenacles of Divine Mercy at St. Matthew Catholic Church: manifest mercy's redemptive power.

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