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## Cenacles of The Divine Mercy

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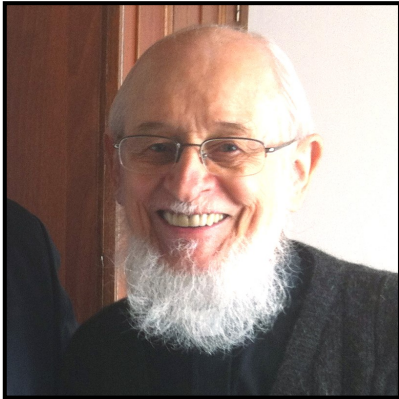


Jesus, I Trust in You

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*By Ralph Sullivan*

### REST IN PEACE

**Father Seraphim Michalenko, MIC**

**August 30, 1930 - February 11, 2021**

Father Seraphim Michalenko, the foremost authority on the message and devotion of Divine Mercy, died on February 11, 2021 at age 90.

Father Seraphim spoke at St. Matthew Catholic Church's 8th Divine Mercy Day of Healing on *the Spirituality of St. Faustina*, for whom he served as vice postulator for canonization.

When he was here you felt as if you were in God's presence, a by-product of his humility, said Deacon Gary Schrieber, Leader and Spiritual Director of St. Matthew's Divine Mercy Ministry, who also spoke at the conference.

To me, Father Seraphim exemplified Faustina's Diary entry on "the soul filled with mercy cannot

help but radiate it to others," said Lorraine Carpenter, Divine Mercy Cenacles Lay Director at St. Matthew.

Father Michalenko smuggled photographic images of St. Faustina's Diary out of communist-occupied Poland and was involved in its translation to English.

His death on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at which she declared "I am the Immaculate Conception," to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858 was not a coincidence. She is the Patroness of The Mari-ans of The Immaculate Conception.

Father Kaz Chwalek, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province, writes, "Side by side with Blessed Michael Sopocko, Pope John Paul II, and St. Faustina herself, Father Seraphim stands as central figure who helped make

the Divine Mercy message and devotion the greatest movement in the history of the Church.

- ♦ Father Seraphim authored many books and articles
- ♦ Was National Shrine Rector
- ♦ Launched John Paul II Institute
- ♦ Preached World-wide
- ♦ Served as Vice Postulator of St. Faustina's Canonization
- ♦ Witnessed Maureen Digan's Miracle
- ♦ Assisted MIC Apostolates
- ♦ See Father Kaz's article at [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org)



## 90th Anniversary of Jesus Appearing to St Faustina



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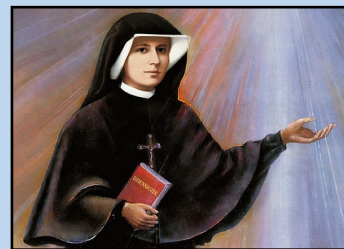
### "Pope Marks 90th Anniversary of Divine Mercy Apparition

Vatican City - Marking the 90th anniversary of the apparition of Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska, Pope Francis wrote a letter to Catholics in Poland expressing his hope that Christ's message of divine mercy would remain "alive in the hearts of the faithful."

According to a statement released by the Polish bishops' conference February 22, the anniversary of the apparition, the pope said he was united in prayer with those commemorating the anniversary at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow and encouraged them ask Jesus "for the gift of mercy. Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet his love and mercy in the sacraments" he said. "Let us feel His closeness and tenderness and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love."

In her diary, St Faustina wrote that she had witnessed a vision of Jesus on February 22, 1931, while she was living at a convent in Plock, Poland. Christ she wrote, had one hand raised in benediction and the other resting on his breast, from which emanated two rays of light. She said Christ demanded to have this image painted - along with the words "Jesus, I Trust in You" - and venerated."

The full description of this event can be found in St Faustina's diary, entry No. 47-48.



### From the Diary of St. Faustina

Jesus: 'My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for my kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life – for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness.'"

(Diary No. 1488)



## Prayer Intentions

### Please Pray for

The Jasso Family

Julie & Joe Novak and family

Jan and Paul Clemens

Ralph and Pat Sullivan

Tim and Nancy Ford, brother-in-law  
and sister of Lucille Coan

### For the Repose of the Soul of

Father Seraphim Michalenko

John Miner, brother of Kathy  
Consler and uncle of Jen LaPierre

Daniel Badillo, father of Amanda  
Jasso



Mark Your  
**Calendar**

**April 2021**

### **April 2-10:**

Pray 9 day novena chaplet in  
preparation for Divine  
Mercy Sunday

### **April 11:**

Divine Mercy Sunday

# Our Lady of Good Help

By Lorraine Carpenter

In reading a book called Mary at the Crossroads of History, I was surprised to learn of the only apparition of Mary in the United States. It happened near Green Bay, Wisconsin on October 8, 1859. Mary appeared to Adele Brice. This is the image of Mary that she saw. She is called Our Lady of Good Help. I invite you to look up and read about this beautiful occurrence, Mary's message and the miracles that occurred that night, as well as the miracles that continue to occur for those who visit the shrine. Such a beautiful image of our Heavenly Mother. Our Lady of Good Help pray for and protect us! God bless you in the way you need it the most! For more information you can visit: <https://catholicstand.com/marian-apparition-in-wisconsin/>

## Prayer to Our Lady of Good Help



By Most Reverend  
David L. Ricken,  
D.D., J.C.L., Bishop  
of Green Bay,  
Wisconsin

O Dear Lady of  
Good Help, you  
revealed yourself  
as the Queen of  
Heaven to your  
servant Adele.

You gave her a mission to pray for the conversion of sinners, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others, and to prepare the children for the reception of the sacraments. I trust that as you called Adele to holiness, you are calling me, in my station in life, to live a holy life, devoted to Jesus Christ with the help of your maternal love. I bring before you now my worries and anxieties. I abandon my attachments to them and place them at your feet. I ask you to hear the deepest longings of my heart as I pray most earnestly for (your intention). Dear Lady, you told Adele and you say to all of us, "Do not be afraid; I will help you." Help me now as I place this intention with complete confidence and trust.  
Amen.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

Our Lady of Good Help, pray for us.



## The Garden of Life

In the garden of life

There are many types of seeds

Healthy seeds of caring, kindness and compassion

Harmful seeds of greed, pride and anger

The healthy seeds grow blossoming into a positive way of life

The harmful seeds wither and surround you in a negative and unhealthy environment

Smiles are the sunshine

Tears are the rain

Love is the fertilizer

Selfishness and jealousy are the weeds

Praise and happiness are the weed killers

And love for one another is the way to keep the blossoms growing and blooming into a meaningful and flourishing garden of life.

By Lorraine Carpenter





**St Faustina diary entry read at the funeral mass for Fr Seraphim Michalenko on Feb 20, 2021.**

'O bright and clear day on which all my dreams will be fulfilled; O day so eagerly desired, the last day of my life! I look forward with joy to the last stroke the Divine Artist will trace on my soul, which will give my soul a unique beauty that will distinguish me from the beauty of other souls. O great day, on which divine love will be confirmed in me. On that day, for the first time, I shall sing before heaven and earth the song of the Lord's fathomless mercy. This is my work and the mission which the Lord has destined for me from the beginning of the world. That the song of my soul may be pleasing to the Holy Trinity, do You, O Spirit of God, direct and form my soul yourself. I arm myself with patience and await Your coming, O merciful God, and as to the terrible pains and fear of death, at this moment more than at any other time, I trust in the abyss of Your mercy and am reminding You, O merciful Jesus, sweet Savior, of all the promises You have made to me. '

(Diary No. 825+)

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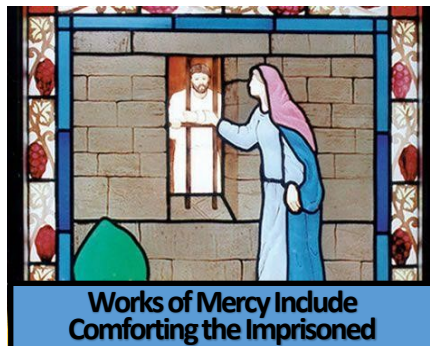
Deacon Gary Schrieber

## **Divine Mercy Letter from Inmate**

Dear Ralph

I can tell from reading your letter that you are a man rich in his Divine Mercy! I wanted to thank you for sending the Diary of St Faustina for me and Mr. Crespi. The book came at the right time. I want to join this religious congregation when I get out called "Missionaries of the Poor" in Monroe, NC.

I have about 3 1/2 years when I get out. I'll be about 24/25 years old. Anyways to make a long story short, I've been worried that they may turn me down because I have a few tattoos on my arm. After reading the diary it was comforting to know she was turned down a lot before she found a convent that took her in. It opened my eyes that I might get turned down but when the time and place is right, He will open the door for me. All I need to do is trust in Him, and let Him lead my heart. Worst case scenario I can get laser tattoo removed if that's a problem. I'm willing to do it, whatever it takes.



I'm going to devote my life to my one true holy lover.

In her diary notebook #1-65 Jesus says to her "I change such hard work of yours into bouquets of most beautiful flowers, and their perfume rises to my throne". Is comforting to know that he sees suffering and struggles and that it's not all in vain. Reading and meditating on her diary has given me a hunger for more of his mercy which is love itself and has increased my desire to spend more time with my sweet, beautiful, loving Jesus. I just want to be completely immersed in his mercy and love.

All of him and none of this world. I want to be so close to Jesus, more so than Sr. Faustina. I want my life to be only a reflection of him.

Again thank you for the diary and I wanted to let you know we are praying for you and I will keep you in my prayers daily.

Love from your brother in Christ

Inmate Dustin H

