



# DIVINE MERCY

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Summer 2004

## Dear Brothers And Sisters In Christ



Fr. David Lord, M.I.C.

### Peace Be With You!

I have always greatly admired and esteemed our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. My esteem and affection for him is on many levels. But the heart of it all may be expressed in the words of his pontifical motto: *Totus Tuus*. In English that means "I am all Thine." His motto is taken from the writings of Saint Louis Marie



Pilgrim mass at the Shrine's annual celebration for St. Faustina.



A group of young pilgrims enjoying their time at the Shrine.

of Mary with the words, *Totus Tuus o Maria*. In a particular way, our affection for our Blessed Lady is stirred by the 150th anniversary year of the proclamation of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception by Blessed Pius IX in 1854. We look to Mary, the Mother of Mercy, to be our motto. Mary is a University in which we are educated about her Son. In the University of Mary, we learn as our Holy Father teaches us to gaze with her in wonder and awe upon Christ.

Here at the National Shrine in a particular way with her, we gaze upon the Merciful Christ, the one who is like a soothing balm or ointment, who touches us with His mercy and fills up the gap of what is missing in us — the void of incompleteness, the sense of isolation. The Merciful Savior is the remedy for all mankind's ills. As Saint Faustina told us a long time ago, He does not wish to punish us, but to press us to His Heart.

With childlike simplicity and trust, then, may we learn to come to Christ, the Merciful One, through His mother, and may we experience, by her prayers, peace of mind and heart and body. Let our joyful praise be expressed in the Holy Father's pontifical motto, *Totus Tuus, o Maria*.

In Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. David Lord, M.I.C.,  
Rector, The National Shrine  
of The Divine Mercy*

deMontfort, who once wrote, *Totus Tuus o Maria*. (I am all Thine, oh Maria.)

As we move into the summer months and the number of pilgrims to the Shrine increases, we, like the Holy Father and Saint Louis Marie deMontfort, entrust and consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart

Fr. David offers reflections on our Holy Father at the Shrine's Pope Day Celebration.




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# Mary Immaculate: Masterpiece of God's Mercy



## God of Mercy

We rejoice because Mary, the mother of Our Lord, was taken into the Glory of Heaven. May her prayers bring us to the full salvation of Christ and raise us up to eternal life.

Amen.

### Your Flower For Mary

Dear Reader,

If you would like to place a rose in the National Shrine in honor of Our Blessed Mother, please use the enclosed envelope and return slip.

Sincerely, Fr. Dave, Rector

Throughout 2004 the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception is placing special emphasis on the 150th anniversary year of the Church's prayer, and reflection on Mary and her Immaculate Conception," says the Rector of the National Shrine, Fr. David Lord, MIC. As an important part of the



Roses placed in the Shrine sanctuary to honor Our Blessed Mother.

definition of the teaching on Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. The celebration culminates on the actual anniversary date of December 8, which will be 150 years to the day when Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception as a dogma — a teaching all the faithful must hold.

## Focus On Mary

"In recognition of Our Lady's special anniversary, we are preparing at the Shrine a series of thematic, yearlong activities that encourage education,

celebration, Assistant Shrine Rector, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, is spearheading a series of talks on Mary each month throughout 2004. This series, entitled "Mary Immaculate: Masterpiece of God's Mercy," will feature various Marian speakers and be presented at 1 p.m. on the First Saturday of every month.

The Shrine is also planning a special day in the fall, Pope Day, which is scheduled for October 16th. Pope Day festivities will highlight our Holy Father's love and devotion to the Blessed Mother.



## The Shrine's Schedule



### Mass Schedule

#### Holy Mass

Monday-Friday 7:15am and 2pm  
Saturdays & Holidays 8am and 2pm  
2pm Sat. Mass does NOT fulfill Sunday's Obligation  
Sundays 10:30am and 2pm

**Rosary For Life** ~ Daily 1:30pm

**Chaplet of The Divine Mercy** ~ Daily 3pm

**Confessions** ~ Daily 1-2pm and 3:15-4:30pm or by appointment.

### Weekly Events

#### Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Thursdays at 7pm, followed by Holy Mass with music by Heartsong.

For up-to-date information, contact us at [shrine@marian.org](mailto:shrine@marian.org) or at (413) 298-3931.

### Monthly Events

#### Festival of Praise

First Friday of every month at 7pm.

#### Special Talks on Our Lady

First Saturday, 1-1:30pm in the Shrine.

#### Charismatic Healing Mass

The Mother of Divine Mercy Prayer Group hosts this healing Mass on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm. Music is provided by Heartsong, whose CD's and tapes are available at The Shrine Gift Shop.

#### Evenings with The Rector

Fr. David Lord, M.I.C., and special guest speakers are featured. TBA.

## Special Events

### Dinner Music on the Lawn ~

#### Sundays in July at 4 pm

Come to the Shrine Sunday afternoons in July and relax for a presentation of prayerful songs of faith performed by our music director, **Bruce Carlson**. Bring a picnic supper and enjoy the grounds. The music starts at 4:00 pm.

### Spanish Day ~

#### Saturday, July 17th, 10am-4:30pm

### Polish Day ~

#### Saturday, July 24th, 10am-4:30pm

### Festival For Life ~

#### Wednesday, August 4

Come to the Shrine for an afternoon of spiritual renewal and an evening of uplifting, distinctively Christian Music. The music program will begin at 5 pm. Performing live in concert will be



nationally acclaimed recording artist, **David**

#### **A. Vogel**, winner

of two 2003 UCMVA Unity awards: Best Rock/Modern Song and Album of the Year.

Opening for Mr. Vogel will be **Janine Stange**

who will be performing

Pop Christian Music.

Also appearing is

National Shrine Music

Director, **Bruce Carlson**,

who will begin with

prayerful songs of faith and musical

meditations from the Diary of St. Faustina.



### Queenship Triduum To Mary ~

#### August 20, 21 & 22, 11am Talk on Mary, 1pm Rosary Procession

### 9/11 Memorial and Haitian Day ~

#### Saturday, September 11th, 10am-4:30pm



### St. Faustina Day ~

#### Saturday, October 9th 10am-4:30pm

### Pope John Paul 11

#### Day ~ Saturday, October 16th, 10am-4:30pm

### Veterans Day ~

#### Thursday, November 11, 10am-4:30pm

These events are free and sponsored by **The Congregation of the Marians of The Immaculate Conception**.

For more information or to schedule a bus tour call Bob Digan at (413) 298-1118.



## Spiritual Renewal Opportunities

Whether for a day or an extended stay, you, your church, or small group are invited to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy for a time of retreat. Simple, overnight accommodations are available on a limited basis.

For information and registration call the office, which is open 9 am to 5 pm, at 413-298-3931 or email us at [shrine@marian.org](mailto:shrine@marian.org).

Jesus, I Trust In You!