

“Mercy is love that seeks to lessen the misery of others”
 — Bryan Thatcher, MD



Marie Romagnano has put together 60 healthcare conference talks that are now available at TheDivineMercy.org/hpdm for free.

CONFERENCE GOES VIRTUAL

Divine Mercy Medicine, Bioethics, and Spirituality Conference: Nov. 5-7

By Marie Romagnano, RN, BSN, CRC

For the last 16 years, Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy, an apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, has sponsored a yearly conference with presentations by healthcare professionals, priests, and religious, in an effort to educate healthcare workers on major issues of the day in an academic and spiritual environment. This year's conference, “Divine Mercy Medicine, Bioethics, and Spirituality Conference,” will be virtual. Please see the enclosed conference information in this newsletter, as we again have premiere speakers. Continuing education credits will be available.

If you are a Catholic healthcare professional or know of any, please make them aware of the conference. Since it is virtual, people from all over the world are able to view and learn, so please help us get the word out and post on social media to all your contacts!

Remember, the conference is for everyone as you may be caring for a loved one and have many questions and need direction.

And the spiritual treasure of past conferences is not lost or forgotten. I encourage all of you, not just healthcare providers, to go to our website at TheDivineMercy.org/hpdm and watch

any of the 60 conference talks from previous years, gathered together under the title “Healthcare Divine Mercy Matters.”

The talks are like fine pearls of truth that people need to be aware of. They are grouped in sets of 10. You can look through all the topics and learn so much on many diverse areas. For example, here are just a few of my favorites of the 60 shows posted online:

- Episode 1 - The Abortion Pill and Its Reversal
- Episode 2 - The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering and Patient Care
- Episode 8 – Critical Thinking About Faith in the ICU
- Episode 10 – End of Life Management for Cancer Patients and Spiritual Care
- Episode 12 – Bioethics and Ventilation, Nutrition and Hydration
- Episode 13 – The Updated Catholic Religious Directives
- Episode 15 – Turning Off the Vent: Preparing the Family, Patient, and Staff

RAMONA, CALIFORNIA

Jan Donovan wrote and told us:

Our cenacle in Ramona was established in the late 90s by the first facilitator, the late Delores Kelley, who was a driving force in spreading the Divine Mercy message and devotion in San Diego County. She was deeply motivated by the Holy Spirit.

One of her many gifts was fundraising for our church, Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), via bake sales and conferences, which raised monies for church needs such as Communion hosts, window blinds, and altar server robes. We also did many Corporal Works of Mercy, such as helping at funeral repasts (receptions) at the church.

This tradition has continued since 2015 with me as facilitator. We also have raised monies through Divine Mercy talks and retreats. The cenacle sponsors the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance, raising donations for a new roof on our IHM social center as well as the purchase of a copy of the original Image of the Divine Mercy, placed next to the entrance door of the Blessed Sacrament alcove in the church.

We also put together a booklet in Spanish and English, used for a special Divine Mercy Sunday bilingual mass that we celebrate with the parish.

I can't fail to mention the work of past cenacle facilitators, Anne Richardson and Nancy Garbo. God bless you!

We meet twice a month in person to pray the Chaplet and read the cenacle formation books, the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, the *Catechism of the*



Catholic Church, and corresponding biblical passages. During the pandemic, we decided to meet at my home, which is large enough to accommodate members.

We can continue to pray as a group and gather strength during these turbulent times in our country and in our Church. We are now reading Dr. Robert Stackpole's book, *Divine Mercy, A Guide from Genesis to Benedict XVI*.

I would like to close with this paragraph from St. Faustina's *Diary*. She wrote, "On one occasion, the Lord said to me: 'Why are you fearful and why do you tremble when you are united to Me? I am displeased when a soul yields to vain terrors. Who will dare to touch you when you are with Me? Most dear to Me is the soul that strongly believes in My goodness and has complete trust in Me. I heap My confidence upon it and give it all it asks'" (*Diary*, 453).

Come and listen

"Mercy Unbound" is a video and podcast series hosted weekly by Dr. Bryan Thatcher. The purpose of the show is to bring the truth in love to a confused world, sharing hope, healing, and mercy through a better understanding of Church teaching. You can watch the weekly videos at one of two places (TheDivineMercy.org and DrBryanThatcher.com).

Please subscribe to the YouTube program — there is no charge — and share these interviews with friends, social media contacts, and loved ones. And know that I would love to speak at your church or conference on Divine Mercy, the Eucharist, Our Lady, and the gift of life.

Lastly, please continue to support our work. The production costs are significant, but we are reaching people all over the



world, and we must continue to try to drive out darkness with the light of Christ. To donate, call 1-800-462-7426.

We have had many recent inquiries on starting a Divine Mercy cenacle, and the work continues to grow. If you would like a free packet that gives you information on a cenacle and how to begin, please call us at 1 (877) 380-0727. We will be happy to send you one.

CENACLES UPDATE

RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Christine Murphy wrote and told us:

Our EADM cenacle originated at St. Mary Parish in Ridgefield, Connecticut, but because of renovations that have been going on, we've been meeting at Sacred Heart in Redding, Connecticut, for the past year. Our group is asking all EADM members to join our cenacle in praying a nine-day Novena of Chaplets for our country. The Lord asked the same of St. Faustina, as noted in her *Diary*:

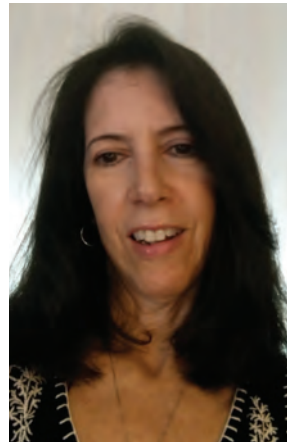
Go to the Superior and tell her that I want all the sisters and wards to say the chaplet which I have taught you. They are to say it for nine days ... in order to appease My Father and to entreat mercy for Poland (*Diary*, 714).

In order to appease God's wrath for the many sins of our own nation, we are

asking you to join us. We ask that all EADM Cenacle members, and as many others as possible, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for nine consecutive days, as was done for Poland. The novena will begin on All Saints Day, Nov. 1, and end on Nov. 9, 2021. It is our hope that by praying collectively as Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy our prayers will turn away God's wrath and entreat mercy for the United States of America.

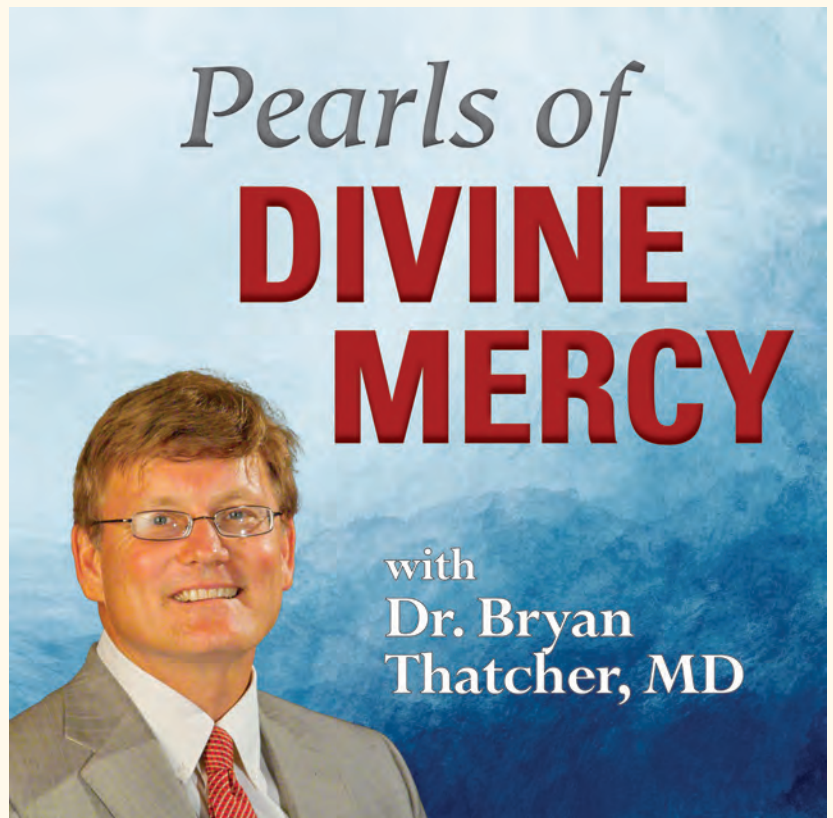
Jesus, I trust in You!

If you have any questions, please contact Christine at cmurphy1224@comcast.net or call (203) 733-9597.



Listen to weekly Divine Mercy podcast

"Pearls of Divine Mercy" is a new podcast of vignettes. You can listen to it at TheDivineMercy.org/podcasts. Each podcast is a three to five minute teaching on a variety of spiritual topics that will help you better understand various facets of Divine Mercy and how to better live the message of mercy. The topics include the Image, Chaplet, Feast, Eucharist, Reconciliation, forgiveness, trust, suffering, humility, the tongue, and more. The talks are designed to give you a taste of the sweetness of the Divine Mercy message. Check the website for the short lesson each week. I hope you enjoy them!





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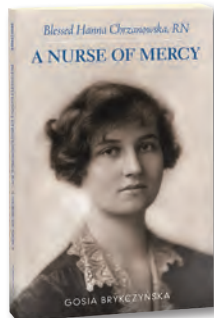
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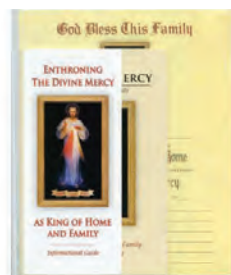
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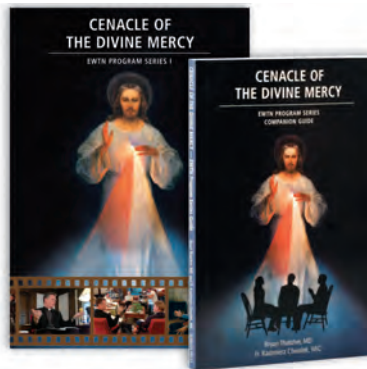
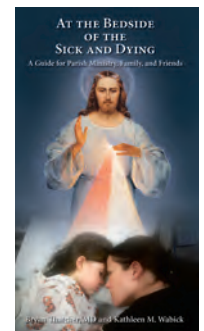
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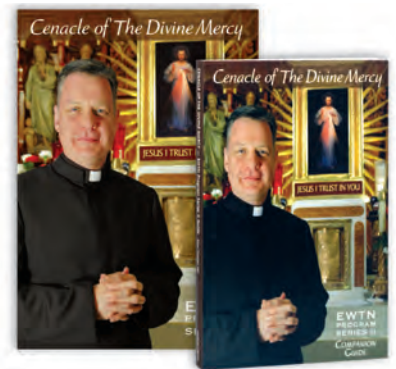
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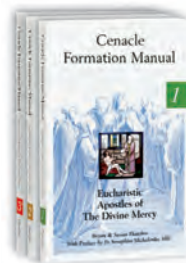
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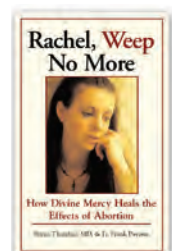
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The 10 evangelical virtues of Our Lady

By Dr. Bryan Thatcher

(Part Two)

Prudence is one of the four primary, or “cardinal” virtues; all the other virtues are centered around the four virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.

“Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. ... With the help of this virtue, we apply moral principles to particular cases without error and overcome doubts about the good to achieve and the evil to avoid” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1806).

Prudence is not a commonly used word these days, and is replaced by words such as “shrewd” or “smart” or “thoughtful.” The word prudent describes someone who is not quick to judgment or decision making, and one who puts thought and reflection into what he says or does. It implies a maturity and involves wisdom when making decisions. And, when one decides, he does so with confidence, believing that this is the best decision possible, considering all the known facts.

In the *Rule of the Ten Evangelical Virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which was the Marians’ Rule of Life for the first two hundred years of their existence, some of the ways that Mary was prudent are listed: “She thought within herself about Gabriel’s manner of greeting her, and she kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. She fled into Egypt for the safety of her Son, and did not return from there until after the death of Herod. Remember, she avoided the country where Archelaus reigned” (*Rule*, p. 44).



The Congregation of Marian Fathers were the first and remain the only community of men religious based upon the Rule of the Ten Virtues of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

This shows how Mary used her judgment in making decisions about what would be best for her small family. She didn’t assume that God would automatically keep her family safe or that they would be kept out of harm’s way. She took appropriate action when their safety was challenged.

The fleeing into Egypt shows Mary’s prudence and her relationship with Joseph. It was Joseph who said that they should leave at once. It was Joseph who had the dream where the angel told him to take the Child to Egypt, and Mary trusted that Joseph did not imagine or distort the angel’s message. She obeyed him as the leader of the Holy Family.



There may be times in our lives when we will face a difficult challenge or adversity, and we must pray to have the same trust in God that Mary and Joseph had. They trusted in God and acted decisively when they needed to. Likewise, we must do our part, trying to stay in God’s will, doing all things out of love, and trusting in God in all situations. Trust does not mean that all things will work out as we want or hope. It means we trust in God that He will give us strength to get through the challenge of life.

The prudent person is able to ponder God’s ways in his heart, and act as needed, just as Our Blessed Mother did.

Conference

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- Episode 31 – Secular Bioethics and Its Attack on Human Bioethics
- Episode 45 – Patient Healing Through the Message of Divine Mercy

The 60 talks posted online are free. We live in confusing times, and Healthcare Professionals for Divine Mercy in partnership with EADM is making every effort to bring truth and light to a world of much darkness.

SAVE THE DATE: Nov. 5, 6, and 7



17th Annual Virtual Divine Mercy Medicine, Bioethics & Spirituality Conference

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Bishop Robert McManus, DD, STD

Topic: Eucharistic Consistency of Catholic Health Workers and Catholic Legislators

Dr. Ashley Fernandes, MD, PhD, FAAP

Topic: Pediatric Bioethics

Other speakers include:



Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC



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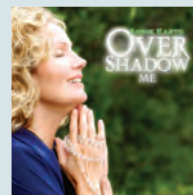
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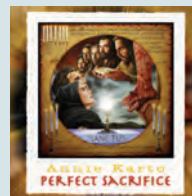
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- April 9-12, 2022: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Cecelia, Louisiana — contact Myra Robin at (337) 667-6344
- April 19, 2022: St. Patrick Catholic Church, Sarasota, Florida — call EADM office at 1-877-380-0727
- April 24, 2022: (Mercy Sunday) Seoul, South Korea (tentative)

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