

COME TO MY MERCY

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On January 29-30, I accepted an invitation to a Divine Mercy Symposium. There were approximately 120 -140 participants in this event. The speaker was Brother Don De Castro, a lay person who is committed to spreading the message of the Divine Mercy.

Brother Don began the day with the praying of the Rosary. He then gave us his personal testimony of how the Divine Mercy worked through him. He initiated the “Say a little prayer” movement / 3 o’clock habit and also founded the Divine Mercy TV Channel in the Philippines.

I happened to be in the Philippines for a Divine Mercy Conference in the spring of 2001. I was really impressed as to how wide spread the devotion to the Divine Mercy was. You see, everywhere I went I saw signs or Images of the Divine Mercy :

in the shops at the airport, behind the cashier at the restaurants, bumper stickers with the words “3 o’clock habit” on taxis and buses. At 3 o’clock in the afternoon, the radio will remind you that it is the hour of mercy, say a little prayer.

As a professional radio broadcaster, Brother Don loves to talk, especially on a subject so close to his heart. Step by step, he went through every topic that you needed or wanted to know about the Divine Mercy. In between each topic, he led us into songs of praise – songs that spoke directly to God. The songs were prayers. Fr. Peter Chiang often said that when we sing to God, it is as if we pray twice. Jesus promised that, “If on earth, two of you are united in asking for anything, it will be granted to you by My Heavenly Father, for where two or three are gathered in My Name, I am with them.” (Matt. 18:18-19)

“What is a devotion?” Brother Don asked. The general definition of devotion means a total commitment. Our Lord not only taught St. Faustina the fundamentals of trust, and of mercy to others, but He also revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy. These we call the “Devotion to the Divine Mercy.” The word “devotion” then means fulfilling our vows. It is a commitment of our lives to the Lord who is Mercy. I am only a beginner devotee.



When I was first introduced to the chaplet, I was assured that this prayer has great healing power. I did not think too much about it until some months later, I was feeling sad and spiritually dry. So I began praying the chaplet. For two weeks, there were no sparks. Then I tried praying in front of the Image. I gazed at the Image as I prayed. Suddenly I felt Jesus eyes were looking directly into my soul. A warm feeling swelled up inside me. I was overwhelmed with love, with His love. Jesus told St. Faustina, “I want to give Myself to souls and to fill them with My love, but few there are who want to accept all the graces My love has intended for them, My graces is not lost; if the soul for whom it was intended does not accept it, another soul takes it.” (Diary 1017) I responded, “Lord Jesus, I am unworthy, please give me Your grace. I will love You with my whole heart, with my whole mind and my whole soul.”

The Divine Mercy has changed my life. Our Lord Jesus is drawing me into a deeper relationship with Him. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, know that God makes the first move to establish relationship with souls, what should be your response?