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Jesus, I trust in You!

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My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus, King of Mercy, when this newsletter reaches your hands, we will have celebrated the Feast of Divine Mercy. The Apostolate, as every year, celebrates the Feast at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in Miami. This year it was something very special for us because in the early hours of today, our beloved Holy Father Juan Pablo II was beatified and raised to the altars in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

On the occasion of his beatification, our Archbishop, Monsignor Thomas G. Wenski celebrated an outdoor Holy Mass in the grounds of the Shrine; beginning at three o'clock, the Hour of Mercy. The Archbishop pronounced a very warm homily filled with remembrances of the Holy Father. Then, he blessed a beautiful mural of John Paul II in memory of his beatification. Afterwards, inside the Shrine, we celebrated the Holy Hour, once again, honoring the image of Divine Mercy with the recitation of the Holy Chaplet, and interceding for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI. Thus, many of those present, who had gone to Confession and received Holy Communion, met the conditions that the Lord requires in order to fulfill His promise of forgiveness of all our sins and punishment. How extraordinary! Is it not true? If any of us is called by the Lord at this moment of forgiveness, he or she will already enter into heaven.

I recently finished writing the book of the month of May that will soon be able to read in our website. It is titled: THE POPE OF MERCY. I recommend you to read it as soon as you have an opportunity. It was written in remembrance of John Paul II; it's packed with information and anecdotes related to his personal devotion to the Divine Mercy, in particular, data on his life intertwined with that of Santa Faustina's.

Following, you may find some quotes from the book:

MESSAGE FROM THE LORD OF MERCY FOR THE PEOPLE OF CUBA

Received where the former cell of Santa Faustina was located at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland - October 23, 1998.

In October 1998, a group of pilgrims from the USA. They stayed at the Convent of the Sisters of Divine Mercy from October 17 through October 24. The day before of their departure, they were

allowed to enter the room located where St. Maria Faustina lived, and there, after a few moments of silence and meditation, a small group decided to stay on to pray the Chaplets to the Divine Mercy. As they were praying, at the conclusion of the fourth decade, one of the ladies, a native of Haiti, asked my wife Dulcita to take a pencil and paper and to take note of a message to Cuba that the Lord wanted to share with them (there were many pilgrims from Cuba in the pilgrimage). Dulcita obeyed and recorded the following message:

“My dear children of the island paradise of Cuba: I love you intensively. For many years you have been sharing in my Passion. I have not forgotten you. I will raise you up. Do not forget the Fountain of My Mercy. Many of you have forgotten the true Fountain of Love and Mercy. I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE!

It is not through revolution, but through prayer. It is not through hate but through love that you will conquer. My Mercy is over all of you. You are in my plans. I have listened to your prayers.

When my child John Paul II walked over your land, at each step he took, he left a drop of My Blood fall on the ground. Now, it is up to you to cultivate the seeds that he planted. Bring all your prayers together to defeat that man who was chosen by the adversary.

Through suffering you have been purified. Bring together all your sufferings and prayers and offer them to Me”

"It is notable that John Paul II, having been first appointed bishop of Krakow in 1958 and the Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, between the years 1965-67 in Cracow was carried out the Process into the life and virtues of Saint Faustina, and that in 1968 her process for beatification was opened in Rome "

"Just think of the following and we can come to this conclusion: we have already mentioned that both are contemporary, born in the same country a few miles away, living in the same city, they both possessed an Eucharistic and Marian spirituality. Sister Faustina died in 1938 and little is known of her until 27 years later when John Paul II introduces her cause of beatification. It is said that her Diary was shelved for many years, receiving very little attention from the clergy. So, I think quite possible that among many other spiritual gifts that God wanted us to receive through the holy life of Pope John Paul II, was to open the door to the world to the message of Divine Mercy through Sister Faustina Kowalska, the message as she received it from Jesus himself, the Mercy of the Father. It was not easy. The things of God are always very difficult but when it comes to God's will, sooner or later is done "

"We know from many references in his writings that the Holy Father used a large number of quotations from St. Faustina's Diary. Therefore, we can assume that he must have read the Diary throughout its entirety. In November 1980, the encyclical of John Paul II on Divine Mercy of God - Dives in Misericordia – was published. This happened thirteen years before the beatification of Sister Faustina. This is as if he wanted to

prepare us for the early release of her Diary – “The Divine Mercy in My Soul ”, whose first edition was published in Polish in 1981”

"I've always appreciated and felt close to the message of Divine Mercy ... in the tragic experience of World War II, it was a particular support and an inexhaustible source of hope not only for the people of Krakow, but also for the whole nation"

"So, it is important to us to embrace fully the message the word of God conveys on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church is designated by the name" Divine Mercy Sunday "

"The choice of the Feast of Divine Mercy, May 1, 2011 is not accidental. John Paul II had a deep devotion to his fellow Polish Sister Faustina Kowalska and to the Divine Mercy devotion and its message as it was transmitted to her by Jesus Himself. In August 2002, in Lagiewniki, Poland, where Sister Faustina lived and died, John Paul II entrusted the world "to the Divine Mercy, to the unlimited trust in our God of Mercy"

"And we may add that our Pope of Mercy, who beatified in 1993 and canonized St. Faustina in 2000, on Sunday of Divine Mercy; that dies on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday; will be beatified and raised to the altars six years later, the first of May 2011, Sunday of Divine Mercy " The first day of May, Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, and first day of the month of Mary.