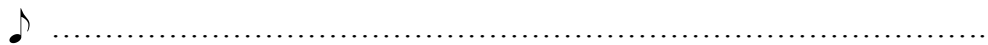


+ Jesus, I trust in You!
THANKSGIVING ADORATION
for the
CANONIZATION OF SR. FAUSTINA
30 APRIL 2020

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



N1: Lord Jesus, Bread of Life, we gather around You hidden in the White Host. We, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, come to You today as Your Congregation, to whom You have given the charism of mercy. It was in our religious family that Sister Faustina discovered her vocation to be a prophet of mercy and to proclaim to the whole world that God is love and mercy. Today we would like to express in a special way our gratitude for the gift of her canonization, which took place exactly 20 years ago: on April 30th, 2000. We wish to give thanks for her life and the mission of mercy with which you sent her to bring to the whole world.

We bring to you all the people that we carry in our hearts, and all those whom you send us. We spiritually unite with the apostles of Divine Mercy from the different countries of the world, and with all who suffer from the epidemic and cannot leave their homes. We entrust to you all who join us through livestreaming, especially those who doubt in Your love, who are in despair, those abandoned and lonely, entangled in various sins and addictions.

Above all, with all our heart we give You thanks, Jesus, for being with us, for constantly embracing us and giving us Your mercy. We worship you for the gift of St. Faustina, to whom the message that you have entrusted her becomes particularly relevant in this time of trial to which modern man is subjected. Through the gift of canonization, you have made her an example and an advocate for all who, like her, want to live in spirit of trust in God and merciful love for others.

N2: St. Faustina had a vision that predicted her canonization. This is what she writes about in her Diary: *I saw myself in Rome, in the Holy Father's chapel, while at the same time I was in our own chapel, and the ceremony celebrated by the Holy Father and the entire Church was closely connected with our chapel and in a special way with our Congregation; I was participating at the same time in the service held in Rome and in our chapel. (...) I saw Jesus exposed in a monstrance on the great altar in our chapel. The chapel was decorated for a feast day, and on this day it was open to everyone, anyone who wanted [to attend]. The crowds were so huge that I couldn't see an end to them. They were all taking part in the ceremony with great joy, and many received what they had asked for. The same ceremony was being held in Rome in a beautiful church, and the Holy Father and all the clergy were celebrating it* (Diary 1044).

A moment of silence

N1: Lord Jesus, you gave us St. Faustina as a prophet of mercy for the third millennium. You chose her, a simple daughter of Poland, to proclaim with new power the message of hope and mercy to the whole world. Although she felt that this task was overwhelming her, she took on this mission because she trusted in you, she knew that your will is nothing but love and mercy. St. John Paul II during the canonization homily on St. Peter's Square in Rome said:

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His [Christ's] message of mercy continues to reach us through his hands held out to suffering man. This is how Sr Faustina saw him and proclaimed him to people on all the continents when, hidden in her convent at Łagiewniki in Kraków, she made her life a hymn to mercy: Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo. (JPII Canonization Homily, 4)

Sr Faustina's canonization has a particular eloquence: by this act I intend today to pass this message on to the new millennium. I pass it on to all people, so that they will learn to know ever better the true face of God and the true face of their brethren. (JPII Can. Homily, 5)



N2: We worship You, Lord, for the gift of Sister Faustina, who gives to the whole Church and the world a message about God who loves everyone, a God who loves us freely

[unconditionally], forever and ever. For the merciful God, each of us is a beloved child for whom Jesus gave his life.

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Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time. (JP II Can. Homily, 2)



N1: We praise You, Lord, who through the canonization of Sister Faustina, confirmed the validity of the message that she received from You. She is your messenger who brings God's message. You chose her and especially loved her, saying:

“Beloved pearl of My Heart, I see your love for Me is so pure, purer than angelic love (...) For your sake I send My blessing down on the world. I see the efforts you are making on My behalf, and they are the delight of My Heart.” (Diary 1061)

“Tell the world of My mercy; let all mankind learn of My unfathomable mercy. It is the sign for the end times; after that will come the day of justice. While there is still time let them seek refuge in the fount of My mercy; let them make use of the blood and water which flowed out for them.” (Diary 848)

A moment of silence

N2: *“What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of divine mercy, which the Lord in a way wished to return to the world through Sr Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium.” (JP II, Can. Homily, 3)*

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However, as the Apostles once did, today too humanity must welcome into the upper room of history the risen Christ, who shows the wounds of his Crucifixion and repeats: Peace be with you! Humanity must let itself be touched and pervaded by the Spirit given to it by the risen Christ. It is the Spirit who heals the wounds of the heart, pulls down the barriers that separate us from God and divide us from one another, and at the same time, restores the joy of the Father's love and of fraternal unity. (JP II, Can Homily, 3)



N1: We praise You, Lord, because through St. Faustina you show us the path that we should follow to experience Your mercy and Your grace and Your help at every moment of our life, even the most difficult. It is the path of trusting in You and maintaining relationships with others thoroughly imbued with love, forgiveness and mercy.

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It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God's love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy! (JP II Can Homily, 5)

A moment of silence



ROSARY

N2: Let us now stand next to Mary and pray with the words of St. Faustina: *"O Mary, Immaculate Virgin, take me under your special protection and defend the purity of my soul, heart, and body; You are my model and the star of my life."* (Diary 874). Mary, we ask you, open our hearts to the love of God, grant us to experience it [more deeply] and bring it to others. In your Immaculate Heart we immerse the whole world, begging for the gift of peace

and for the pandemic to stop. We ask for trust in God's Mercy for every person, especially for the dying. Cover with your maternal mantle all the families and troubled marriages. Through you, O Mary, we entrust to the Merciful Jesus, *two pearls precious to Jesus' heart, that is the souls of priests and the souls of religious* (cf Diary 531) - Jesus especially recommended them to the prayers of St. Faustina. To you, Mary, we also entrust all the laity involved in the Apostolic Movement of Divine Mercy. Graciously bring to Your Son all the intentions hidden in our hearts and in the hearts of who all who pray with us.

N1: I believe in God, Our Father, Hail Mary 3X, Glory be to the Father

N1: The First Mystery of Light: The Baptism of Jesus in Jordan

Merciful Jesus, coming out of the waters of the Jordan, the Father has spoken to You the words that he repeats to this day to everyone who receives the baptism: "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Together with Saint. Sister Faustina, we repeat:

Thank You, O God, for Baptism most Holy,

So great a gift of grace, beyond all knowing,

Bringing us into God's family,

A new life upon our souls bestowing. (Diary 1286)

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father

N2: The Second Mystery of Light: The Wedding Feast of Cana

Merciful Jesus, through the miracle of turning water into wine, the Father showed us that Your love is able to change every human heart and kindle it with the desire for holiness.

Together with St. Faustina, we repeat:

"I want to become a saint, and I trust that Divine mercy can make a saint even of the miserable creature that I am, for I have good will. In spite of all my failures I want to ght like a soul that is holy and I want to behave like a soul that is holy. I shall not be discouraged by anything, just as a soul that is holy is not discouraged. I want to live and die like a soul that is holy, with my gaze xed upon You, O Jesus ..." (Diary 1333)

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father

N1: The Third Mystery of Light: The Proclamation of God's Kingdom and Call to Conversion

Merciful Jesus, through your efforts to spread the Good News of salvation always and everywhere, the Father showed us how He cares about the eternal happiness of every human being.

Together with St. Faustina, we repeat: O Love eternal, I want all the souls You have created to know You. I would have liked to become a priest, all the time I'd be telling sinful souls, engrossed in despair, of Your mercy. I would have liked to be a missionary and carry the light of the faith everywhere to let souls learn of You... (cf. Diary 302)

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father

N2: The Fourth Mystery of Light: Transfiguration on Mount Tabor

Merciful Jesus, by appearing in glory on Mt. Tabor to your disciples, the Father assures us that in our lives there will always be moments of strengthening and enlightening by His grace. These will give us strength to undertake the hardships of everyday life.

Together with St. Faustina, we repeat: *"Lord, I feel my heart filling up with Your love, I feel the rays of Your love and mercy have transfixed my soul. I'm coming at Your call, Lord, I'm coming to fight for souls, supported by Your grace; I'm ready to follow You, O Lord, not only up to Tabor, but up to Calvary as well. I want to bring souls to the fount of Your mercy, so that the light of Your rays of mercy may be reflected in every soul, to fill up our Father's house, and when the foe starts to hurl his missiles at me, then I shall hide behind the shield of Your mercy"* (Diary 1488).

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father

N1: The Fifth Mystery of Light: The Institution of the Eucharist

Merciful Jesus, through Your Eucharistic feast in the Upper Room, the Father feeds us with Your Body and Blood, so that we may not stop on our way to the heavenly Homeland.

Together with St. Faustina, we repeat:

"O Jesus, Eucharist, immortal God almighty,

In my heart continuously staying,

If You are with me, death cannot harm me,

At life's end I'll see Jesus – Love is saying." (Diary 1393)

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys (contemplating the mystery), Glory be to the Father

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N2: Lord Jesus, through the intercession of St. Faustina, you constantly lavish upon us many graces. She is our friend, our sister to whom we can entrust our affairs. At the same time, we learn from her how to trust in you and how to love our neighbor. May You be glorified, Lord, for through her You assure us of your loving presence in our lives. Through her, you invite us to continue the mission of mercy in the Church and in the world. You want everyone to be an apostle of Divine Mercy. You want each of us to be a prophet of mercy in this exceptionally difficult time of the pandemic. We are to prophesy, that is, to proclaim with our lives to all who are discouraged, the sick and the suffering who doubt that: "God is love and mercy itself", that "The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." Because Jesus said: "*Souls that have boundless trust are a great comfort to Me, for into such souls I pour all the treasures of My graces. I am pleased when they ask for much, for I want to bestow much, and even very much. But I am saddened when souls ask for little, when they tighten and close up their hearts.*" (Diary 1578).

Audio recording: *This consoling message is addressed above all to those who, afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of the sins they committed, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer ‘Jesus, I trust in you’, which Providence intimated through Sr Faustina! This simple act of abandonment to Jesus dispels the thickest clouds and lets a ray of light penetrate every life. Jezu, ufam Tobie.* (JP II, Canonization Homily, 7)

A moment of silence

N1: Sister Faustina Kowalska wrote in her Diary: “I feel such terrible pain whenever I see my neighbours suffering; all their woes are reflected in my heart; in my heart I carry all their afflictions, so much so that it’s exhausting me physically. I wish all these ills would fall upon me

to make it easier for my neighbours (Diary, 1039). *"This is the degree of compassion to which love leads, when it takes the love of God as its measure!"* (JP II, Canonization Homily, 6).

N2: *"It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy"* (JP II, Can. Homily, 6).

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N1: Thank You, Jesus, for this time with You, of being in Your company. We thank you, for giving us St. Faustina so that the Good News that you give to us will illumine our paths in the third millennium. Together with St. John Paul II, who took the message of mercy to his heart and made it the essence of his pontificate, let's pray:

Audio recording: *"And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of divine mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spurring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: Christ Jesus, I trust in you! Jezu, ufam tobie!"* (JP II, Can. Homily, 8).

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