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*Jesus I trust in You!*

### **Retreatant's Handout: Points – Day 3 – Saturday, 5 Sept**

**For reflection:** the particular message of the revelations received by St. Faustina in the Convent Chapel - present day, Shrine of Divine Mercy: *God loves me and shows His love for me above all through the paschal mystery, that is, by suffering, dying and rising for me. Do I realize that my suffering is in Christ's? Jesus invites me to enter His Passion, and consciously unite mine to His for He has already taken them upon Himself...I will gaze at Jesus suffering and listen to the word He speaks to me in silently in my heart....*

#### **Notes:**

Message of Divine Mercy in three words: God loves us / God is love.

\* common misconception: to equate and limit the the message of Divine Mercy to just one of the forms of worship of the Divine Mercy: "DM message is about the chaplet / or hour of mercy, or the feast."

**Image of the Divine Mercy** - is the visual summary of the message of Divine Mercy fully revealed in the Paschal Mystery - Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection:

**Wounds** - crucifixion (suffering - peak) **Rays** - death (piercing of heart) **Jesus Standing** - Resurrection

Paschal Mystery

- Jesus crucified and risen, that is, in the Paschal Mystery. It is this mystery which bears within itself the most complete revelation of mercy, that is, of that love which is more powerful than death, more powerful than sin and every evil, the love which lifts man up when he falls into the abyss and frees him from the greatest threats. (*JPII, Encyclical, Dives in Misericordia 15*)
- The Paschal Mystery is Christ at the summit of the revelation of the inscrutable mystery of God. (*JPII, Encyclical, Dives in Misericordia, 8*)

#### **Revelations, visions, mystical experiences of St Faustina in the Krakow convent and grounds**

~over 280 recorded in the Diary (from the book: "Śladami Objawień Św.Siostry Faustyny, s.Elżbieta Siepak")

**In the Chapel** ~116 recorded in the Diary

SrF experienced the Holy Trinity, conversation of Jesus with the different types of souls (*Diary, 1485 ff*), Jesus, Blessed Mother, saints, and others...

**Sr Faustina's visions / experiences with Jesus in the Chapel** (~27 visions of Jesus/ ~ 60 Sr F. heard his voice, experience his presence). **among others, touch on Gospel events:**

- Entrance to Jerusalem (Diary 1657)
- Institution the Eucharist (Diary 684, 757)
- Passion of the Lord (often during Mass, Holy Communion, meditations, visits to the Blessed Sacrament). Diary 252 737. 1467. **669**. 1253. 1512. 1628. 1663. 1666
- Jesus as we see him the Image (Risen Jesus) Diary 1565, 500

**Other experiences of St F in Chapel: Jesus Consoled Sr Faustina** (Diary 78, 108, 1674)

Quote on top of the Sanctuary area of the Convent Chapel:

*“Miłością wieczną umiłowalem Cię dlatego przyciągnąłem litując Sie” Jer 31:3*

In EN NABRE: *With age-old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy toward you.*

**“I revealed your name** to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Jn 17:6

**I made known to them your name and I will make it known,** that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.” Jn 17: 26

“In fact, knowing someone’s name implies a kind of power over that person because in the biblical mentality the name contains the most profound reality of the individual, it reveals the person’s secret and destiny. Knowing one’s name therefore means knowing the truth about the other person and this allows one to dominate him. When, therefore, in answer to the unknown person’s request Jacob discloses his own name, he is placing himself in the hands of his opponent; it is a form of surrender, a total handing over of self to the other.” Pope Benedict May 25, 2011 GA

### **Salvific Suffering** Salvifici Doloris (SD), JPPI, Ap.Letter, **especially SD #26-27**

- “(...) *in suffering there is concealed a particular power that draws a person interiorly close to Christ, a special grace.* To this grace many saints (...) owe their profound conversion. A result of such a conversion is not only that the individual discovers the salvific meaning of suffering but above all that he becomes a completely new person. He discovers a new dimension, as it were, of *his entire life and vocation.*” (SD 26)
- “Man hears Christ's saving answer as he himself gradually becomes a sharer in the sufferings of Christ.” (SD 26)
- He asks the meaning of his suffering and seeks an answer to this question on the human level. Certainly he often puts this question to God, and to Christ. Furthermore, he cannot help noticing that the one to whom he puts the question is himself suffering and wishes to answer him from the Cross, from the heart of his own suffering. Nevertheless, it often takes time, even a long time, for this answer to begin to be interiorly perceived. For Christ does not answer directly and he does not answer in the abstract this human questioning about the meaning of suffering. Man hears Christ's saving answer as he himself gradually becomes a sharer in the sufferings of Christ. (SD 26)
- “Come! Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering! Through my Cross. Gradually, as the individual takes up his cross, spiritually uniting himself to the Cross of Christ, the salvific meaning of suffering is revealed before him. He does not discover this meaning at his own human level, but at the level of the suffering of Christ. At the same time, however, from this level of Christ the salvific meaning of suffering descends to man's level and becomes, in a sense, the individual's personal response. It is then that man finds in his suffering interior peace and even spiritual joy.”(SD 26)
- “Those who share in the sufferings of Christ preserve in their own sufferings a very special particle of the infinite treasure of the world's Redemption, and can share this treasure with others.” (SD 27)

### Some passages of Sr. F's experience of Jesus relating to the Passion From the Diary

**669** I am learning how to be good from Jesus, from the One Who is goodness itself, so that I may be called a daughter of the Heavenly Father. Today, when something which hurt me very much happened before noon, in my suffering I tried to unite my own will with the will of God and praising Him in silence. In the afternoon, when I went for a five-minute Adoration, suddenly I saw that the crucifix I wear had come alive. Jesus said to me, **“My Daughter, suffering shall be the sign for you that I am with you.”** At these words my soul was deeply moved.

**1512** Today during Mass I saw Jesus suffering, as if dying on the cross, and He said to me, **“My daughter, often meditate on the suffering I endured for you, and nothing that you’re suffering for My sake will seem big. I find you most pleasing when you are meditating on My sorrowful Passion; unite your little sufferings with My sorrowful Passion so that they may have an infinite value before My majesty.”**

**1663.** (...) During Mass Jesus stood by me and said, **“Gaze upon My Heart so full of love and mercy for humans, especially for sinners. Gaze upon it and enter into the depth of My Passion.”** All at once in my heart I felt and experienced the whole of Jesus’ Passion; I was surprised the torment did not kill me.

**1666** I saw Jesus tormented, but not nailed to the cross, it was still before the crucifixion, and He said to me, **“You are My heart, tell sinners of My mercy.”** (*Tyś sercem Moim, mów grzesznikom o miłosierdziu Moim*) And the Lord gave me inner knowledge of the great depth of His mercy on souls; and I realised that all that I had written was indeed but a drop.

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