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*Divine Mercy for the Dying* has been a profound gift to our nursing homes, hospice programs, hospitals, health care systems, and homes. As you begin your participation in this program, may God give you many moments of grace and compassion.

The Orientation and Training Manual for this Ministry received the Imprimatur from the Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL; and the Nihil Obstat from Very Reverend John W. Girotti, JCL.



"'My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him...'

When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery. A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus' Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God" (*Diary*, 1565)



FRIENDS OF JESUS CHRIST,  
HIGH PRIEST

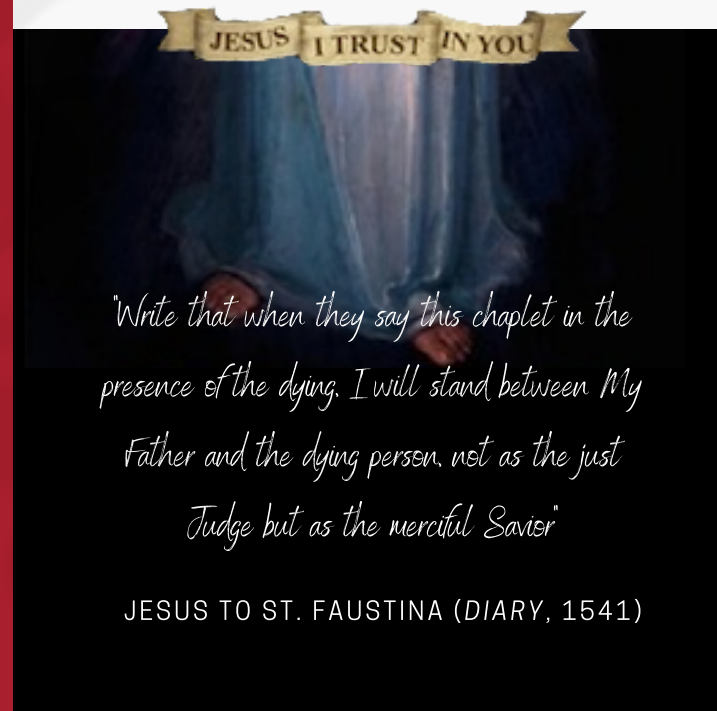
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## ***DIVINE MERCY*** *FOR THE DYING*



*"Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior"*

JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA (*DIARY*, 1541)

# ABOUT THE MINISTRY

*Divine Mercy for the Dying* was established on December 8th, 2015, during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Its purpose is to prepare Catholics for eternal life through the administration of the Sacraments and to offer heartfelt prayers for all those who find themselves in the final hours of their earthly lives.

Through this Ministry, individuals are trained and equipped to pray at the bedside of those who are actively dying. Following the promises of our Lord to St. Faustina, Ministers of Mercy employ the power of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, calling upon Jesus the Merciful Savior to come to the aid of those, who are dying.

*Divine Mercy for the Dying* not only provides comfort and spiritual care for any individual who desires prayerful support, but it has also been an instrument of evangelization to the family and friends of the dying. Many have been introduced to the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the promises attached to it through this Ministry.

While we cannot guarantee our presence at the very moment of death, through our prayers we can assure our caring presence to those in the final stages of the dying process. Through the presence of a Minister of Mercy, we can attend to a person's spiritual needs in the midst of the dying process.



Watch a video-on the home page-about the Ministry at: **[AnimarumSalus.com](http://AnimarumSalus.com)**

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE DYING

During the Hour Prayer Vigil for the dying person, Ministers of Mercy:

- First make sure all Catholics receive the Last Rites with Apostolic Pardon;
- Second, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet;
- Third, pray the Rosary ending with the Hail Holy Queen (Our Mother of Mercy);
- Fourth, pray short Scripture passages for the dying person  
(i.e.: "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit," "Those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength," "I fear no evil for you are with me and your rod and your staff, which give me comfort." "There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain;");
- Fifth, if the Lord has not taken the person home after one hour, then the Minister of Mercy asks his/her guardian angel, the person's guardian angel, and St. Michael the Archangel to continue the vigil;

Finally, the Minister of Mercy continues to pray at home for the person and his or her family.

# ORIENTATION + TRAINING

the *Divine Mercy for the Dying Orientation and Training Manual* outlines a spiritual approach which prepares Ministers of Mercy to hold vigil at the bedside of the dying.

## MINISTERS OF MERCY

Orientation to become a Minister of Mercy begins with a retreat to prepare the individual's own heart for such service.

Ministers learn about the encounter with death, exploring their own relationship with death, how to recognize signs of dying, and how to create a peaceful environment for those, who are dying.

Ministers of Mercy are individuals who strive to live a spiritual life of union with God, mercy, and kindness. Through the orientation and training, they are provided with a toolkit of prayers and spiritual exercises to strengthen their own faith and to make the Hour Prayer Vigil for the dying person.

## ONGOING SUPPORT

Furthermore, the *Divine Mercy for the Dying* program provides a structure for ongoing support of the Ministers of Mercy. In addition to initial training, the greatest part of learning comes over time and through opportunities to reflect on and debrief the vigil experiences with other volunteers and skillful program supporters.