



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

A Special Collection will be taken at all Masses throughout the diocese this weekend. Checks may be made to

Catholic Charities. These will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA who will assure financial assistance to those affected by Dorian.

Rosary Prayer Leaders Assigned: Because of my involvement with CCD, I will not be available to lead the Rosary before the 11:00am Mass. Therefore, I am assigning this responsibility to our Parish Organizations whose members will supply Rosary Prayer Leaders for the 4 or 5 Sundays of the month. The assignments are:

- 1st and 5th Sundays – Knights of Columbus
- 2nd Sundays – Catholic Daughters of America
- 3rd Sundays – The Legion of Mary
- 4th Sundays – Ss. Martha and Mary Circle

Thank you for your support and leadership!

Forming Intentional Disciples will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7:00pm at FX Centennial Hall. We are currently talking about the “grace” of the sacraments and the “fruit” of the Sacrament, and that it is quite possible to receive the grace *without* bearing any fruit...! An Intentional Disciple knows how to bear the fruit – do you? Come join the conversation.

Attention CCD and Confirmation Families:

- ❖ Our Freshman-Parent Confirmation meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 22 from 9:45 to 10:45am.
- ❖ I am calling for a MANDATORY meeting with my CCD and Home Schooling parents on Sunday, Sept 29 from 9:45 to 10:45am. One or both parents is expected to be in attendance.



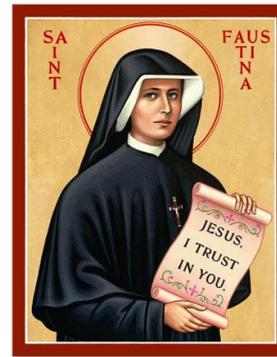
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will meet on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 5:45pm at SA Rectory to explain the process, answer questions, and set a definitive day and time for our weekly sessions.

If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please contact me at 886-2374 or frleoarnone@gmail.com.

Attention Ss. Martha and Mary Circle Members.

I am calling for a mandatory meeting of all Ss. M&M membership for Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10:00am in FX Centennial Hall. Our purpose is to reactivate and reenergize this Organization. No lame excuses! If you consider yourself a member, then make every effort to be there.

Festival Report Pending: We still have a few bills to come in and then we can publish a final report. It's looking like each entity will get at least \$8,000 this year. I would say we had a successful festival that to all your support and participation!



Divine Mercy in My Soul

Lessons from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina

417 [April] 26. On Friday, when I was at Ostra Brama to attend the ceremony during which the [Divine Mercy] image was

displayed, I heard a sermon given by my confessor [Father Sopocko]. This sermon about divine Mercy was the first of the things that Jesus had asked for so very long ago. When he began to speak about the great mercy of the Lord, the image came alive and the rays pieced the hearts of the people gathered there, but not all to the same degree. Some received more, some less. Great joy filled my soul to see the grace of God. Then I heard the words: **You are a witness of My mercy. You shall stand before My throne forever as a living witness to My mercy.**

418 When the sermon was over, I did not wait for the end of the service, as I was in a hurry to get back home. When I had taken a few steps, a great multitude of demons blocked my way. They threatened me with terrible tortures, and voices could be heard: “She has snatched away everything we have worked for over so many years!” When I asked them, “Where have you come from in such great numbers?” the wicked forms answered, “Out of human hearts; stop tormenting us!”

419 Seeing their great hatred for me, I immediately asked my Guardian Angel for help, and at once the bright and radiant figure of my Guardian Angel appeared and said to me, “Do not fear, spouse of my Lord; without His permission these spirits will do you no harm.” Immediately the evil spirits vanished, and the faithful Guardian Angel accompanied me, in a visible manner, right to the very house. His look was modest and peaceful, and a flame of fire sparkled from his forehead.



Reflection: Wed, Oct. 2 will be the Feast of our Guardian Angels. Do not underestimate their existence nor their ability to be of service to us. St. Faustina learned to rely on her Guardian Angel in her many battles against the demons and temptations. From now until then, focus your prayers in communion with your Guardian Angel, be mindful of his presence especially to your conscience, and avail yourself to his inspiration and guidance, especially in your daily decisions.