

“Mercy is love that seeks to lessen the misery of others.”
 — Bryan Thatcher, MD

REFLECTIONS ON GOD THE FATHER

By Oscar Delgado

Ed. note: We share this story of a reported private revelation, which has received an imprimatur and await the Church’s further discernment.

Mother Eugenia Ravasio was born in a small town in Italy on September 4, 1907 to poor peasant parents. She decided to enter the convent of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles at the age of 20 years. She was a contemporary of St. Faustina, as she was born two years after St. Faustina.

When she became a novice, she was given the name Eugenia. After two years in the novitiate there was reluctance in letting her make her vows. She was considered too weak, too thin, and always ill; perhaps not even very intelligent, given her inability to learn French. There was talk about sending her back home.

Once a professed nun, she was sent to the motherhouse where her job was to do housework for the senior nuns. At the house there was profound division with internal politics dividing the community. She tried to not take sides but drew reprisals from all. She received frequent and groundless insults because she was Italian, a foreigner.

In this atmosphere Sr. Eugenia gathered a group of five sisters of different nationalities who committed themselves to accepting all the other sisters, and to smile at everyone. Their goal was to create and foster unity amongst themselves. For the cause of unity, they offered their lives “To the Father through Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, with Mary.”

In 1932 Sr. Eugenia had an apparition in which God the Father dictated a message to her in Latin — a language she did not comprehend. She recorded that the Father had assumed the appearance of an ordinary man by placing His crown and His glory at His feet, and He took the globe of the world and held it to His Heart, supporting it with His left Hand. He then sat next to her.

The “image” of God the Father given to Sr. Eugenia Ravasio is actually a specific icon based on her visions, which shows God

the Father as a common person with the world in His hand, and is available in many forms and interpretations. In 1932, God the Father revealed this image and dictated a message to Mother Eugenia, stating His desire for every family to have the picture displayed to receive His special protection.



The first official icon of God the Father in the Catholic Church was later painted by Lia Gaidiolo (left) based on these visions and is now housed in the Pro-Cathedral of God the Merciful Father in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. God the Father asked that the icon be displayed in the home, and that He be honored on the first Sunday of August as the “Father of All Mankind.”

The essence of the Message Mother Eugenia received was to prepare God’s children to accept in their hearts the Father who wished to establish His kingdom of love and unite all men into one big family. He told her, “I am coming to banish the excessive fear that My creatures have of Me, I am coming to bring hope to men and nations — that they will live in peace and security, I am coming to make

Myself known just as I am, so that men’s trust may increase together with their love for Me, their Father. ... My children, do you want to live your life on earth peacefully and joyfully? Come and cast yourselves into this immense ocean and remain in it forever. As you work and live your normal life, this life will be sanctified through charity.”

The Father expressed His wish that the Church establish a day dedicated to honoring Him under the title, Father of all Mankind, and chose the first Sunday of August or the 7th day of that month.

Sister Eugenia underwent a further trial. She fell ill with a fever and spent the whole of 1933 in bed during which her only nourishment was two teaspoons of sugar in water each day. For a full year she lived virtually on the Eucharist, the veracity of which was closely observed and tested. By Easter 1934 she had recovered completely and resumed her job as “sweeper.” In June of that year, she was elected Counsellor General and, in



WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

Bill Gegg wrote and told us:

Our Cenacle group at St. Francis Borgia in Washington, Missouri, has been meeting for approximately 12 years. We started after Dr. Thatcher came and gave a Day of Reflection. The Divine Mercy message has given new fervor to our parish, and we continue to be active in the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

We started very small with a handful of parishioners, and now have grown to about 40. This is significant as we are a small parish in a town of 15,000. We have two EADM groups: a morning group (25) and an evening group (15). We follow the Cenacle manuals format, and we have gone through each of the three books twice and are just starting a third round on Book #1.

The morning group meets after 7 a.m. Mass every Wednesday and attendance is usually at least 22-25. We break into small groups for discussion purposes of about 12 per room. It gives everyone a chance to share their thoughts/reflections. Our priests are very supportive and our



assistant pastor attends whenever he can. Our Cenacle group has grown to have a strong devotion to St. Faustina and Divine Mercy.

It is hard to put in one paragraph what this Ministry has meant to me; it has been a life-changer to say the least. I had turned down several invitations to join a group called "Cenacle" because I figured I had experienced many other faith-sharing ministries, but then there came another invitation to see what Divine Mercy was all about. My wife and I finally decided to see what this was all about, and a new world opened up attending the series "Second Greatest Story Ever Told." And then Dr. Thatcher came to Washington with Annie Karto to do a Day of Reflection, and the Cenacle really exploded after that weekend.

Reading the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* has opened my eyes to this Ministry; it has showed me how one woman could be so in love with Jesus and yet find so many struggles along the way — just like many of us! Being in the Cenacle group has brought many of us much hope. We are always inspired by someone each week that is willing to share a part of themselves with which many of us can identify.

The icing on the cake is working in our Divine Mercy Image sign-making shop with a bunch of guys who share the same Catholic values that I have; how often does that happen? We work hard, pray hard, and play hard! It is a joy to go to work at our shop and being around these guys and we have met so many people who are on fire for this Ministry. I feel very blessed. I have found that the Image of Divine Mercy helps people better understand how Our Lord died for us, and that He loves all of us so much.

We have made over 28,000 signs in the past 10 years and ship all over the U.S. For information on this aspect of our ministry, contact Bill Gegg at (636) 667-7867, or e-mail bill.egg@att.net.

Lastly, Dr. Thatcher will be coming back to our parish to speak on Nov. 8, 2025, and all are welcome. Please contact me for more information.

GOD THE FATHER

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October, appointed teacher of the novices.

In 1935 the Bishop of Grenoble instituted a commission of experts to conduct a diocesan enquiry into the alleged apparition and Message — it would last several years. She offered her life for the glory of the Father and now felt that her offering had been accepted. A month later, on February 9, 1935, Sr. Ludovica died in Sr. Eugenia's arms. Sister Eugenia had then to take over the whole Institute. She had to prepare the General Chapter for the election of a new Superior all on her own. The Chapter was convened on August 7 and Sr. Eugenia (age 25) was unanimously elected Superior General.

The enquiry came to an end and submitted its findings to the Bishop of Grenoble who concluded, "Following the dictates of my soul and my conscience and with the keenest sense of my responsibility to the Church, I declare that supernatural and divine intervention seems to me the only logical and satisfactory explanation of the facts."

The new Superior General set out to renew the Institute. She began with the novitiate introducing shorthand, home economics, and typing courses. All who were able were encouraged to take up a specialty and

within a few years she could rely on dozens of professional nurses, teachers, and medical, literary and scientific graduates. Novitiates were opened in Africa and Europe.

In 1939, Mother Eugenia visited the Ivory Coast where she discovered the sad state of the lepers on Desirée Island. She set about obtaining land on which to build a leper colony that would be an autonomous city, with a house for every leper, schools, a hospital, cinema, and church. Money was raised and within three years the city of Adzopé was up and running. The full project took 10 years to complete. She discovered the first medicine for the cure of leprosy, and because of this, France conferred the highest honor for social work on the Congregation.

In 1948, encouraged by a Cardinal, Mother Eugenia left the congregation to found a new religious work to promote the love of the Father and the unity that Jesus had prayed for: "Holy Father ... that they may be one as we are one." This was finally accomplished in 1988 when the Church officially recognized the work, *Unitas in Christo ad Patrem*. (Unity in Christ to the Father). It continues its work today and promotes devotion to Mother Eugenia and the Father.

Adapted from: www.TheFatherSpeaksToHisChildren.com/mother-eugenia

LEANDER, TEXAS

Roni Cook wrote and told us:

The Austin, Texas area has been a fruitful area in learning and then living the message of mercy. Several speakers, including Dr. Thatcher, have spoken at a variety of parishes and the Mother of God Prayer Center, and the many cenacles have formed in English and Spanish.

Over a decade ago, two EADM facilitators from two Austin-area prayer centers asked Fr. Bruce Nieli to be their diocesan spiritual advisor. Recently, Fr. Bruce, a Paulist priest for 52 years, has been designated diocesan spiritual advisor for EADM Cenacles. He has called the leaders and new facilitators as they begin a second Cenacle at Mercy of God Prayer Center.

During an open discussion, Fr. Bruce asked participants, “How can we focus on extending Divine Mercy, according to the spirituality of St. Faustina, including the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy?” In the spirit of spreading Divine Mercy beyond their parish members, they’ve shared their ideas here. I want to extend a special thanks to Deacon Rod Reyna and Linda Davis, directors of the two prayer centers.

First, some thoughts on “How to Share the Divine Mercy Message”:

- Give your parish priest a copy of *Tell My Priests* by Fr. George W. Kosicki. This book introduces readers to the *Diary* and topics that can help them understand the message of Divine Mercy.
- Distribute short-form and visual printed materials in parishes. Informational pamphlets can be found on topics like: “How to pray the Chaplet,” “What is Divine Mercy Sunday?,” and the basics of the message — the “F.I.N.C.H.” pamphlet (all available at ShopMercy.org). Ask if they can be placed in pews or in the entry ways of the church. Donate prayer cards to religious education students and their caretakers. Parishes may also display Divine Mercy artwork donated by laypersons.
- Mentor new facilitators by providing outlines of what to cover in an introductory session, how to participate in parish ministry fairs, and more information on Pope St. John Paul II’s encyclical, “Rich in Mercy” (we invited our priest to present at our Cenacle).
- Sponsor short-format Divine Mercy groups. A full Divine Mercy study of the *Diary* could take years, so provide opportunities to those with time constraints. Members of a Divine Mercy Cenacle can lead 33-day consecration groups on topics like: Divine Mercy, To Jesus through Mary, or Consecration to St. Joseph.
- Offer a condensed version of *Understanding Divine Mercy* by Fr. Chris



Alar, MIC, using the Cenacle format. Conclude all groups with an invitation to join a Cenacle. Find study materials at ShopMercy.org.

- Host special events and speakers. Consider inviting Dr. Thatcher to do a one day “Day of Reflection” or a two-night parish mission. Work with your priest to invite more priests to be available for Confessions at your parish over Divine Mercy Sunday weekend. Offer a Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour and involve parishioners to sing in the choir, serve as sacristans, etc. Newly-inducted members can distribute Images of Jesus, I Trust in You!
- Reach out to other active groups. If you are involved in other groups such as Schoenstatt, see if you can offer a Divine Mercy session to their members.
- Participate in the Works of Mercy with groups reaching the unhoused, helping the poor, and comforting the sick and those mourning.

For all these EADM groups, Divine Mercy has become a way of life. When a newly-inducted member was asked how to spread the message of mercy, she said, “It’s a way of life. Your faith reaches out to all you meet.”

Father Bruce conducted a day of reflection for Spanish-speaking EADM members at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Cedar Park, Texas on Aug. 23. He also presented to Divine Mercy devotees at the Our Lady of Guadalupe/Divine Mercy Prayer Center in Dale, Texas on Sept. 27.

My prayer for all of you in a Cenacle is that you can find a priest in your area that can teach and inspire you through the Divine Mercy message to a life of holiness and to be a reflection of the Divine Mercy Image.

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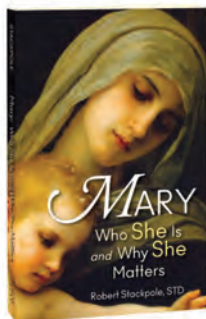
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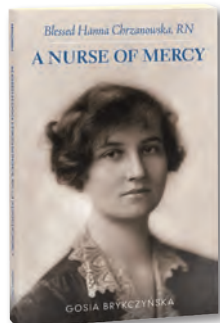
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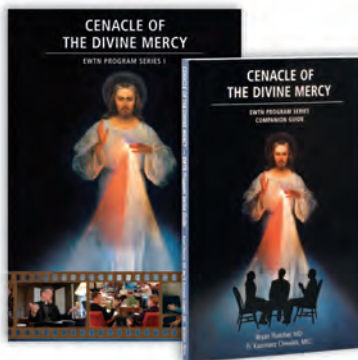
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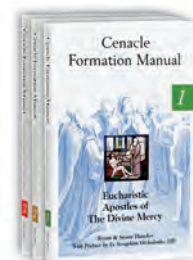
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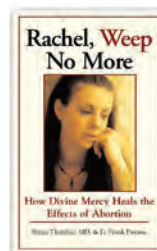


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SOME THOUGHTS ON OUR LADY

By Bryan Thatcher MD

It seems that as I get older, my love for the Blessed Mother increases. I find myself asking for her prayers and intercession in my struggles.

People who don't understand our faith accuse Catholics of loving Mary too much and worshipping her as a god; they misunderstand the concept of the Communion of Saints and having intercessors in Heaven just as we ask people to pray for us on earth. They say that she is only the Mother of God, and once she delivered Baby Jesus, her work was complete. These critics say that she must be full of pride and wonder if she doesn't want to be treated like a god. In actuality, Mary's role is to praise God and direct souls to Him; her soul magnifies the Lord and rejoices in God the Creator.

I have prayed many Rosaries in my lifetime, yet while praying my Rosary recently and the assorted selected prayers afterward, I realized that when I was invoking the name of Jesus, the response was, "Have mercy on us." Yet when calling on Mary, the response was, "Pray for us." The Church realizes Mary is not the source of the outpouring of God's mercy on us, but she can intercede and ask Our Lord to hear our prayer and have mercy on us!

In Mary's Magnificat (Lk 1:48), Our Lady speaks of the greatness of the Lord and how her soul rejoices in God her Savior. In verse 48, Scripture tells us, "For behold, all generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me." And in verses 51-55 we read:

He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degrees; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his posterity for ever.

Note that Our Lady never writes, "I did this or I did that." It is all about the mighty power of the merciful and loving God. She said, "he has shown strength..., he has scattered the proud..., he has put down the mighty..., he has filled the hungry..., he has sent the rich away..."

She is full of grace and wants to bring all to know the love of God and to radiate that love of God to others. She understands that she is nothing but a poor young woman and wrote, "for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden" (Lk 1:48).

And she asks us to be humble, and on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, told St. Faustina, *"I desire, my dearly beloved daughter, that you practice the three virtues that are dearest to me — and most pleasing to God. The first is humility, humility, and once again humility; the second virtue, purity; and the third virtue, love of God. As my daughter, you must especially radiate with these virtues"* (Diary, 1415).

This mirrors what Our Lord told St. Faustina: **"The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud always remain in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls"** (Diary, 1602). This lack of humility creates a distance from God separated by a chasm of pride.

By the time this newsletter will be read by you, I hopefully in October



will have traveled to and returned safely from Rwanda. I am going to gather information on a preschool and to determine how the ministry can help raise funds for it. Two things always pull at the strings of my heart — children not having a chance to be educated, and children going to bed hungry at night.

I thought it appropriate to share with you information on this Catholic apparition site in Kibeho, Rwanda as the Marianists are located in the beautiful mountainous country of Rwanda, sometimes called the "Switzerland of Africa." It is a Church-approved apparition and was special in that Our Lady (pictured at left) called for reparation, conversion, and her prophecy on what would happen if people did not change their ways came to fruition.

As you may know, Our Lady appeared to several visionaries from 1981-1983 and came as "Mother of the Word." I visited there in 2003 with the late Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, and went to Mass in the

Apparition Chapel. Since then, a beautiful church has been built, as well as a retreat house, Adoration Chapel, and Marian Fathers' house.

The three approved visionaries were Alphonsine, Nathalie, and Marie-Clare. Our Lady first appeared to Alphonsine in November 1981, and asked her to join the Legion of Mary so more would trust her as a loving mother. Alphonsine told her school friends but was met with ridicule. In January 1982, Our Lady appeared to Nathalie. The messages she received focused on prayer, humility, and self-sacrifice. In March she appeared to Marie-Clare; she had been one of the ardent disbelievers and after her apparition, she begged for forgiveness, and said that the Virgin Mary wanted everyone to meditate on the Passion of Jesus and the sorrow of Mary. She asked the children to pray the Rosary and the beads of the Seven Sorrows to receive graces.

Crowds began to attend the appearances of Mary that lasted for hours. They watched as the girls went into ecstasy. During the periods of ecstasy, the girls were not affected when observers pricked them with knives or put a candle next to their skin or shone bright lights into their eyes. Sometimes, those assembled experienced various supernatural phenomena such as the Miracle of the Sun and more. The visionaries were shown images of a river of blood, people killing each other, abandoned corpses with no one to bury them, and the girls were told that there would be a "river of blood" if the people of Rwanda did not come back to God.

In four short months, a genocide occurred and nearly one million people lost their lives. Marie-Clare was one of the victims, and Alphonsine's entire family were also killed, although she escaped and eventually became a member of the monastery of Poor Clares.

A new diocese of Gikongoro was established in 1992, and Kibeho came under its jurisdiction. The Bishop declared in 2001 that the Virgin Mary appeared at Kibeho. In her final apparition, she told Alphonsine, "I love you, I love you, I love you very much. Never forget the love I have for you in coming among you. These messages will do good not only now but in the future."

Never forget that Our Lady loves you so much, not for who you strive to be, but for you just as you are. She wants all of us to love her Son and be a shining light so we can join all the angels and saints in Heaven.

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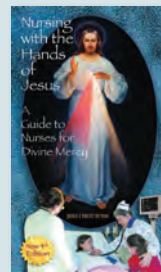
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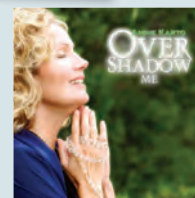
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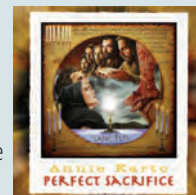


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- November 15, 2025: San Antonio, Texas. English/Spanish Divine Mercy retreat. For more information, contact Gloria Coronado: (830) 388-3009 or e-mail gloria.coronado@vgmedia.org.
- December 6, 2025: Glendale, California. Divine Mercy Day of Reflection. For more information, contact Purisima Narvaez: (818) 468-8208.
- February 21, 2026: Lake Placid, Florida. Day of Reflection, St. James Parish. For more information, contact Mary Webb: (863) 273-4495.

If your Cenacle would like to have Dr. Thatcher speak at your parish, call the EADM office at 1-877-380-0727.



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