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Organization Meeting July 22

The first quarterly organizational meeting to include all the parish Points of Contact will be held at Divine Mercy Parish in North Natomas on July 22nd at 6:30 pm. Please attend if you would like to represent your parish and be the liaison between the faithful in the pews and the Divine Mercy Support Network (DMSN) central administration.

One of the new goals of the DMSN is to expand the organization in a formal way to include Points of Contact (POC) at each parish to help spread the message of Divine Mercy. Some potential POC's have already been contacted but double coverage (He sent them out two by two) would be ideal at each parish. If you would like to see what the general expectations are for a POC, go to our web site and click the "volunteer opportunities" link at the top of the page. From there you

can see all the Position Descriptions we have for POC's and participants at the parish level or directors and managers at the administrative level.

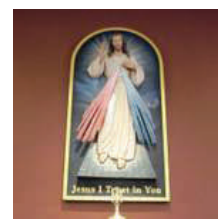


Divine Mercy Parish

The meeting will be held at the newly completed Divine Mercy Parish at 2231 Club Center Drive, Sacramento. Fr. Soane T. Kaniseli has graciously made available to us their meeting room and he is anxious for you to see the beautiful 3-dimensional carving of the Divine Mercy image that is mounted above the tabernacle in their new facilities. When Bishop Weigand turned over the first shovel of dirt for this first campus building, he hinted that because of its central lo-

cation to major transportation infrastructure (freeways and airport) that it could become an ideal location for a diocesan Divine Mercy shrine.

The meeting will begin with the singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet in the church and reconvene in the meeting room to discuss the expanded POC organizational structure and how it would greatly improve our communication channel with our members and the entire laity. There is no better way to get a message across than by face to face word of mouth communication. We hope to have an expert in the field give a 30 minute talk on how to evangelize about Divine Mercy using word of mouth "marketing". Hope to see you there.





Fr. Sylvester arrested—
for a good cause.

150 years of Mercy

Mount Saint Mary's Academy, founded by the Sisters of Mercy, celebrated their 150th consecutive year of service to the families and children of the Grass Valley / Nevada City area. The academy, the oldest operating Catholic school west of the Mississippi, held an open house and living history event that included live music and a 5K run for the benefit of the school.

Bishop Garcia was on hand to make opening remarks along with Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski, the Divine Mercy Support Network spiritual director and liaison to the bishop's office. Father Sylvester was proud to point out the large Divine Mercy image that he had installed on the main stairway of the school as well as smaller images in each classroom.

As part of the fund raising activities, Father Sylvester was "arrested" by the local sheriff for these parts and thrown behind bars until his bail amount was reached. Divine Mercy Support Network director, John Doering, enjoyed the food, rock and roll music and vintage automobiles on display. Doering quipped, "I thought we were doing well to hold the Network together for five years but 150 years for this academy is some kind of miracle".



Conference Preparations



Byron Paige, director of products and services, in finishing up details at the Sacramento Convention Center for our 2010 conference on October 16. Byron was able to shave a little bit off on our rental fee due to last years problems with air conditioning and the PA system. In addition, he is negotiating with Classique Catering to open earlier with continental breakfast and then make sure that they don't run out of lunch. His assistant, Rick Donaldson, is looking for better parking rates in the area and making arrangements for a block of rooms for out of town visitors.

This year, we will be encouraging parishes with active Divine Mercy movements to set up an information table in the lobby and share with everyone what they've been up to and to provide ideas for the rest of us on performing Works of Divine Mercy. A \$5 discount for admission will be available for all those who work the tables.

Prices have gone up (\$25 at the door) but a way to save this year will be to work through your parish Point of Contact. In addition to the \$5 early bird discount before the day of the event, there will be another \$5 discount if the POC can bring in a total of 25 conference attendees. Help your POC and save double!

If we don't have a POC for your parish yet, volunteer! Better yet, come to the organizational meeting on July 22nd where we will be rolling out the plan and providing tools and information on how to generate a "buzz" in your parish about the conference. The meeting will be at Divine Mercy Parish located at 2231 Club Center Drive, Sacramento, at 6:30pm. For more information, contact John Doering at (916) 212-0513 cell, (530) 677-2805 home or by email at info@DivineMercySacramento.org

Faustinum completes first year at St. John the Baptist in Folsom

Twenty plus students of the "Faustinum" class at St. John the Baptist finished their first year of formation. This was a pilot program that took several years to get off the ground. Communication with St. Faustina's community in Poland, where the program is managed, was initially difficult. After the first few months, the study materials came on a regular basis.

Fr. Derek LaBranch was the instructor assigned by our chaplain and liaison to the Bishops office, Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski. An approved priest is a necessary ingredient to the program. Fr. LaBranch did an excellent job absorbing pages and pages of materials and presenting it to the students in a succinct fashion. His effort was doubled when he was transferred to a distant parish. Thank you Father LaBranch.

At St. John the Baptist in Folsom, the Divine Mercy devotion is held every third Monday in the church's Divine Mercy Chapel starting at 6pm with rosary, chaplet, confession, and mass. Then at 7pm, the group moves to the Parish Center Garden Room for the formation instruction. After the instruction, the priest opens the floor for questions on the teaching and any question about the Catholic faith (this is very useful to all members). Then simple refreshment follows.

As a work of mercy for the group, members bring to the monthly mass food/items donation for the poor. These items are distributed at Loaves and Fishes the following day. Also, the images of the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe are passed around into homes for a 9-day novena.

For detailed information on the program, contact Tess Poling, the coordinator, at 916-933-5007 or by email at tesspoling@sbcglobal.net