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Dear Fellow Apostles,

The signs of the Second Coming of the Lord seem to be all around us. Earthquakes, tsunamis, unusual storms, and other incredible disasters. It doesn't take a genius to see the signs of the times that we are living in, but as our world seems to be heading for impending disaster, Divine Mercy Sunday is shining brightly!

Thank God for the beatification of Pope John Paul II on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1st of this year! This is absolutely the biggest event for the entire world. This will bring much needed attention to the recognition of the great need to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday in every parish. If your parish hasn't been celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at all the Masses, then use this opportunity to get your parish on track.

We have updated our new tri-fold leaflet "[How to Celebrate Mercy Sunday](#)" and it is available on our website for download and printing. We have recently requested several priests to look over this leaflet and we have had positive feedback. By the grace of God, it could prove to be of great benefit to get priests to correctly use the Feast of Mercy as an evangelization tool to bring back all fallen-away Catholics.

We also have our new leaflet called [Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy](#). This new leaflet can be used as a hand out for door to door evangelization or at any time that we may run across a Catholic that hasn't been practicing their faith. Look for it on our website under that title. You can order leaflets from us or download them and print them. Any leaflet on our website is free to use, but please credit our ministry.

It is time for us to put away the type of celebrations that only devotees attend. We have mentioned this several times before: Divine Mercy Sunday is not a "party for devotees" but a "refuge for sinners", Jesus said "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners" (Diary 699).

Just think about who attends most afternoon devotions on Mercy Sunday. You will most likely not see a fallen-away Catholic attending this. We must focus on doing exactly what Jesus said for us to do, which is: "Gather all sinners from the entire world and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy. I want to give Myself to souls... On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them" (Diary 206). **Jesus clearly wants us to go out and evangelize!**

So what should we be doing to help Jesus to save souls? First of all, we must put away any thought of ourselves, and think only of others. If you are reading this, then you are, most probably, what I refer to as, the “cream of the crop”. Although all of us are sinners, I think Jesus is hoping to pull in some very serious sinners on His Feast of Mercy, not devotees like us. Remember, Jesus has not come for the righteous, but for sinners. Those who are well have no need of a physician....

So let us put ourselves in Jesus’ place on Mercy Sunday. He’s looking down on us and wondering if we are going to help Him by going out and evangelizing or will we be gathering with a few of the “cream of the crop” to have a devotional party for ourselves. How would you like to suffer the most painful death that Jesus suffered and then have no one pay attention to your requests to help Him to save souls?

Many parishes compete to see how many devotees they can get to their afternoon devotions on Mercy Sunday. Wouldn’t it be better if we tried real hard to get all of the Easter-only and fallen-away Catholics to come back to the practice of their faith? Isn’t this what Jesus wants? He said “go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to Me”. Have we been trying our best to do this for Mercy Sunday?

As Apostles, we have to “go out” and not stay confined in our cenacles. Apostles are called to go out and evangelize. We, as Apostles of Divine Mercy, must try to do exactly what Jesus would want us to do. We have to do our very best to get everybody to return to the practice of their faith. Fallen-away Catholics need to go to Confession and then go to any Mass on Mercy Sunday to receive Communion.

We must encourage our pastors to do their best to follow the “Duties of Priests” that are the guiding lights for correctly celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. These duties are explained in our new leaflet [“How to Celebrate Mercy Sunday”](#). One of the most important of these is telling everyone about the special plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday in such a way that they will have time to prepare for it.

Priests must talk about the indulgence on Easter Sunday, especially when you think about the many Easter-only Catholics in attendance on those days that could really profit by going to Confession. It is very wrong to receive Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin. Knowingly missing Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is a very serious sin. We can’t let the Easter-only Catholics walk out without instruction.

Priests must use this particular day to catechize the un-informed about not receiving Holy Communion when they are in a state of mortal sin. Here is the most perfect opportunity to instruct and invite the Easter-only Catholics back to Church for the following Sunday to receive the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. What better opportunity could we ever have to get them back to the practice of their faith?

Please read through our website and help Jesus to save souls!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, for all souls,

Robert R. Allard, Director