



HELLO DEAR FRIENDS,

Imagine this: You are driving by a movie theatre and the marquee reads: *'COMING SOON! DONT MISS IT! A GIFT FROM GOD TO YOU!*

Well, that is basically what the Lord will be offering to us on Saturday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

In the message of August 15, 1996, Jesus says, *"Today on the Feast of the Assumption my mercy shall assume and completely cancel all your sins, if it is desired. I shall assume your sins unto myself and cast them into the ocean of forgiveness where they shall be forgotten. All those who humbly partake of the Holy Mass shall be given this blessing"*.

In response, Lori writes, *"This is an astounding blessing the Lord is giving to mankind in honor of the Feast of his Mother... I know of no other occasion that such an outpouring of forgiveness takes place except on Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter which the Lord communicated to Saint Faustina... Those in the state of mortal sin must seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to attending Mass and receiving this great grace of which the Lord is speaking. This confessional activity would certainly fulfill the prerequisite contained in the phrase "if it is desired."*

S O L E T U S P R A Y

We can prepare our hearts for this Feast of the Blessed Mother through the Novena to St Maximilian Kolbe, from Wednesday, August 5th - Friday August 13, - the day before the Feast Day of St Maximilian on August 14.**

As you know, the Lord blessed us with St Maximilian as the Patron Saint of the Disciples of Mercy. As Disciples, we have much to emulate St Max, even as far as being "soldiers" for the Kingdom of Heaven. After "Friar Max" had entered the Franciscan novitiate, his desire to do great things for Our Lady led him to think of leaving the Order and joining the Military Armed Forces in defense of his Mother Poland under Mary's patronage. It was proven that God had

a different plan of military battle for him and he was led understand that his mission was a spiritual battle. As Disciples of Mercy, the Lord has called us to serve in His Army as well. He says in the message of February 21, 1996: *"My precious one, my army of disciples is growing and I, the Lord am pleased. My army has been handpicked by the Eternal Father. Each member of my army bears a special seal, a seal of holiness. This seal is a seal of eternal destiny."*

We pray to St Maximilian that he will strengthen us as we work to spread the printed word of the Lord and His Mother to the four corners.

*Note: ** You will receive the Novena in a separate email.*

T E S T I M O N I A L S

In keeping with the theme of forgiveness that the Lord will offer us on August 15, it follows that with God's forgiveness of us we are healed, and with OUR forgiveness of others, we are healed as well. The Disciples Spiritual Director, Father Richard Champigny relates how during a healing service, as he prayed over a man with a crippled hand, locked in a fist, he asked the man if there was someone he needed to forgive. With tears of release, the man earnestly summoned forgiveness in his heart for someone against whom he had harbored unforgiveness for years. Suddenly, his hand opened as he himself received forgiveness and healing from the Lord. So...is there someone in our lives we need to forgive? A parent, a child, a spouse, teacher, priest? Well, let's do it, let's be healed! What are we waiting for? God's mercy is yours!

WE WANT YOUR TESTIMONIALS!

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T H I S M O N T H ' S S C R I P T U R E S

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU". JOHN 13:34

IF WE SAY WE LOVE GOD, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE EMULATE HIM IN ALL HIS WAYS, IF WE SAY THE GREATER ONE LIVES WITHIN US, THEN MUST KNOW FULL WELL THAT GOD, LOVE PERSONIFIED LIVES INSIDE OF US & ALL OUR OUTWORKING IS FROM THE GOD OF LOVE!

SO HOW DO WE LOVE THE WAY THAT GOD LOVES US? SIMPLY BY BEING OBEDIENT TO HIM. WE ARE OBEDIENT WHEN WE DO NOT TAKE OFFENSE OR OFFEND OTHERS, WHEN WE DO NOT JUDGE, CONDEMN, CRITICIZE AND RIDICULE OTHERS, WHEN WE FORGIVE OTHERS FREELY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION, THE WAY GOD FORGIVES US.

UNFORGIVENESS AND JUDGEMENT OF OTHERS MAKES US SLAVE TO CONSTANTLY KEEP A RUNNING TAB OR REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAULTS OF OTHERS, COUNTING AND RECOUNTING THEIR WRONGS/ERRORS WHEN IN FACT WE COULD BE EMPLOYING THAT SAME EFFORT TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AND PRAISE GOD FOR THEM OR TO INTERCEDE AND PETITION GOD FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS OR OURSELVES. UNFORGIVENESS IS DEBILITATING TO US AND RESTRICTING US SPIRITUALLY BECAUSE WE ARE NOT OBEYING GOD.

THINK ABOUT IT FOR A MOMENT, IF WE ARE NOT OBEYING GOD AND DOING HIS WORK, WHO ARE WE OBEYING AND WITH WHOM ARE WE COOPERATING? CERTAINLY NOT GOD!

IN ALL OUR JUDGING, LET US FIRST JUDGE OURSELVES, SO THAT WE MAY NOT BRING JUDGEMENT UPON OURSELVES. WITH GOD THERE IS NO GRADATION OF SIN, SIN IS SIN. GOD IN HIS IMMENSE LOVE FOR US, HIS CREATION, SOUGHT A WAY TO REDEEM US UNTO HIM. HE DID NOT SPARE HIS ONLY, BELOVED SON, BUT OFFERED JESUS TO BE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE BECAUSE ONLY HIS BLOOD CAN WASH AWAY ALL OUR SINS AND GIVE US AN ETERNITY WITH GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WILL YOU LOVE HIM THIS DAY FORWARD ENOUGH TO OBEY ALL THAT HE SAYS WITHOUT RESERVATION? THEN INCLINE YOUR EAR TO HIS WORDS AND LET THEM BE HEALING TO YOUR FLESH AND BONES AND LIFE UNTO YOU. LET GOD'S THOUGHTS BE OUR THOUGHTS AND HIS WAYS OUR WAYS AND HIS WORDS, OUR WORDS, ALWAYS!

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Disciples of Mercy

SEPTEMBER -to- NOVEMBER

This year the major relics of St. Maria Goretti will make a pilgrimage to the United States.

While St. Maria is universally known as the Patroness of Purity, her greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness of her attacker even in the midst of horrendous physical suffering, a forgiveness that would completely convert him and set him on a path to personal holiness.