

National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

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January 15, 2017 **PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE LETTER ESPECIALLY WHAT IS IN BOLD**

Greetings!

As a past pilgrim to the National Shrine, we thought you might want to know about **Divine Mercy Sunday 2017**. If you plan to register a bus this year, please go to our website at www.thedivinemercy.org and on the Homepage will be instructions which will link to the bus registration page. **We strongly advise everyone to register online as spaces for Saturday and Sunday are limited again this year.** It is immediate, easy and secure! For your safety and security, we **do not** accept registrations over the phone. Online registration begins on **Monday, January 23, 2017-Monday, March 20, 2017 or earlier if the weekend spaces are filled.** Mailing forms with checks only delays the process and if spaces are filled before we receive your registration it will be returned. **Bus permit parcels will be mailed at the end of March.**

****NEW THIS YEAR:** You are required to fill in the contact information for the bus company when you register this is for emergency purposes. **If it is NOT on your registration form your bus permits will NOT be mailed!**

IMPORTANT: THERE IS NO EARLY MORNING MASS ON EITHER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. THE CHAPEL AND VENDING AREAS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 9 A.M.

We recommend that you read our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheets (*enclosed*).

As you read through our information packet, we wish to call your attention to the following:

- Each parish/group can register for **THREE buses maximum each weekend day.**
- We also ask you to consider coming on Saturday which affords ALL the SAME graces as Sunday
- **NO BUSES OR DRIVERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME ON EITHER WEEKEND DAY! THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR PASSENGERS. BUS COORDINATORS ARE TO INFORM THEIR DRIVERS OF THIS.**
- Please be advised transportation (golf carts) will **“NOT”** be available to transport disabled or elderly pilgrims during Mercy Sunday Weekend.

Thank you for your interest in the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. As always, we ask for your continued prayers for the success of this Solemn Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday 2017, that it may truly be a weekend that gives glory to God and brings many souls to His loving care. Rest assured we will hold all of you in our daily prayers.

In Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Anthony Gramlich, Rector
The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

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BUS COORDINATORS

This list can be discussed with the pilgrims on your bus while you are traveling to the Divine Mercy Celebration

To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter, or the Vigil
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
4. Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast day or Vigil
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast, or Vigil
6. Venerate* the Image of The Divine Mercy
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers.

*To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

For more information on the Feast of The Divine Mercy, the National Shrine, pilgrimage photos and stories and weather updates, please visit our web site:

www.thedivinemercy.org