ENTHRONEMENT OF THE DIVINE MERCY

V: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

R: Who made Heaven and Earth.

V: The Lord be with you:

R: And with your spirit.

Let us pray:

(All) Our Lord Jesus Christ—The Divine Mercy, we, of (Parish, City, State) entrust ourselves to You with our whole heart, with our whole mind, and with our whole being, for the greater honor and glory of God and for the sake of all souls. We especially ask You to bless in a special way this Sacred Image of Your Divine Mercy.

Words of Jesus from the Diary of Saint Faustina

(Celebrant) "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You' (327). By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it (570). This Image is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).

Veneration and Blessing of the Image

The Image of The Divine Mercy is blessed with Holy Water (and optionally incensed).

(All) We solemnly enthrone this Divine Mercy Image in our own name, and in the name of all in this parish. May the sanctifying and healing rays of Your Divine Mercy radiate into the whole world, penetrating all hearts, especially those most in need of Your Divine Mercy. On this most solemn occasion we immerse ourselves in Your Divine Mercy, we adore and glorify Your Divine Mercy, and we invoke its omnipotence on the whole world, particularly upon poor sinners.

(Celebrant) Let us now recite together St. Faustina's own prayer found at the beginning of the *Diary*:

"0 Eternal Love, You command Your Sacred Image to be painted And reveal to us the inconceivable fount of mercy; You bless whoever approaches Your rays, And a soul all black will turn into snow

0 sweet Jesus, it is here You established the throne of Your mercy To bring joy and hope to sinful man. From Your open Heart, as from a pure fount, Flows comfort to a repentant heart and soul.

May praise and glory for this Image Never cease to stream from man's soul. May praise of God's mercy pour from every heart, Now, and at every hour, and forever and ever.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited (or sung).

Act of Consecration of the Family to The Divine Mercy (Celebrant) Together let us now offer our prayer of Consecration:

O Jesus, you showed us your infinite compassionate love by exhausting the very last drop of blood and water from your body. From this day forward, with full confidence, we entrust our families to your Divine Mercy. We abandon our past, our present and our future. We place into your wounds all of our wounds which are caused by lack of love, understanding and trust. Jesus, expel Satan and all evil from our families, free us from the consequence of sin and protect us from further harm. Heal our wounds. May our families learn to venerate your Divine Image that they will never perish but experience your loving mercy. Amen.

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