



## **The Feast of Mercy**

Canon Ignacy Rozycki, Doctor of Dogmatic Theology appointed by Pope John Paul II to examine the revelations to Saint Faustina, came to the conclusion that the extraordinary grace promised by Jesus on the Feast of Mercy is a gift of grace equalled only by the grace of Holy Baptism. This means that on this day your soul can be renewed as on the day of baptism ,after receiving this grace on the feast day, you then only have to worry about the sins you commit in the future, your past life and sins no longer exist.

The Feast of Mercy is now officially celebrated on the, as requested by our Lord. (I.124) (I.130)

**The Feast should be preceded by a Novena of Chaplets to the Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday.**

**The Sermon by the priest on that day should be on Divine Mercy - that is the mercy which God the Father bestows on us through Jesus Christ His son. (II.39)**

**That we contemplate, on this day, the Mystery of Redemption as the greatest revelation of Divine Mercy towards us. (I.130)**

**The Image of the Divine Mercy is to be ceremoniously blessed on the day. (I.18) (I.142)**

**The Image is to be publicly venerated. The image should be exposed to all taking part in the celebration (to demonstrate this, an image could be left in a position that all can touch and say "Jesus I Trust In You") This can be carried out during the celebration like the kissing of the cross on Good Friday or as people leave the Church, if numbers prevent it during the ceremony. (I.341) (II.38) (II.162)**

**Confession and communion on the day. If confession is not available on the day it should be as close to the day as possible. St. Faustina made it on the Saturday before the Feast.**

**Communion, as always, should be a worthy one and must be accompanied by complete Trust in Divine Mercy. (II.138) (III.1109)**

**That an act of Mercy should take place in our lives, as part of our preparation for the feast. We should be merciful to others in our words, deeds and prayers.**

**Merciful Word - Forgiving and comforting**

**Merciful Deed - Any of the corporal works of mercy**

**Merciful Prayer - Prayers for Mercy for the world**