

# No sin is too great for God's



This T-shirt was made to spread the Mercy and Love of Jesus. Jesus said that no sin is too great for His Mercy and "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my Mercy".<sup>1</sup> These beautiful words give hope to every heart.

All of the Bible is about the merciful love of God.<sup>2</sup> In the Old Testament, the Israelites kept turning away from God worshiping idols yet God always welcomed them back when they repented. He promised to send a Savior, whom they could trust,<sup>3</sup> Jesus, His Son and also God. Jesus died on the cross to offer God's mercy to all. Because of His sacrifice, people can now be freed of the punishment due to sin and enter Heaven and be in intimate relationship with God. Jesus wants all of us to trust and follow Him.

The apostles and the early church fathers gave all people the Bible<sup>4</sup> and started the Catholic Church to guide us in righteousness and to continue offering mercy to all. Many people have had intimate relationships with Jesus since. Some amazing words and visions are found in the lives of the canonized saints. We read about them to learn how God speaks to people and what He wants of us. You too have a special role and are needed in God's Kingdom.<sup>5</sup>

One person whom Jesus spoke to many times, about the year 1672,<sup>6</sup> was Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, now a canonized saint. He showed her His Sacred Heart, a heart of flesh,<sup>7</sup> His flesh as God made man, which suffered and died on the cross for us, represented by the crown of thorns and which burns with love for us. He wanted devotion to His Heart so people would focus on His Infinite love and kindness to all.<sup>8</sup>

Around 1895, to another nun, Sister (now Saint) Therese of Lisieux, Jesus spoke about His pain and hurt because souls reject Him. She discovered the "Little Way" for ordinary sinful people, to open up our hearts so that Jesus can flood them with Himself, His love, and His Mercy.<sup>9</sup>

Then, during the 1930's Jesus appeared to Sister (now Saint) Maria Faustina Kowalska in Poland and asked her to give the world His message of Divine Mercy. He told her many beautiful things such as "I am Love and Mercy itself. My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...<sup>10</sup> Were a soul like a decaying corpse, so that from a human standpoint there would be no hope of restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy!"<sup>11</sup> Jesus asked her to have an image made with two rays coming from His merciful Heart. He said that "not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace".<sup>12</sup>

A number of images are around today. They show Jesus walking toward us with the 2 rays coming from His heart and they all say “Jesus I trust in You” at the bottom as Jesus instructed Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska to have painted. The two rays are shown in this T-shirt, coming from His heart.

Jesus wants us to do 3 things:

1. Ask for His mercy.
2. Be merciful to others.
- and 3. Completely Trust in Him.<sup>13</sup>

Jesus is offering His infinite mercy to sinners because our sinful world needs His Mercy so very much. If you are a fallen away, non-practicing Catholic, Jesus wants you to go back to the Church through Holy Confession. If you have no church, the Catholic Church welcomes all sinners to repentance and a new holy life in Christ. Contact a Catholic priest, a RCIA Director, or look up your local Catholic Church on the web to learn more. Welcome or Welcome Back!

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1. Page 9, *The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion* by Fr. Seraphim Michalenko MIC with Vinny Flynn and Robert A. Stackpole, 2001, Marian Press Stockbridge, MA 01263
  2. *ibid.* page 23.
  3. The idea of "trust" is explained in Week One of the book *33 Days to Merciful Love* by Michael E. Gaitley MIC, 2016, Marian Press Stockbridge, MA 01263
  4. Everyone used the Catholic Bible until the 16th century.
  5. The DFOT Anne Lay Apostle books emphasises that God needs each and every person for their unique contribution to the Kingdom.
  6. <https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/meditation.htm>
  7. *ibid.*
  8. *ibid.*
  9. The use of these three saints (Margret Mary, Therese, and Faustina) to present God's Merciful Love and some history of their lives, was written by Father Gaitley in the same book referenced in note 2 above.
  10. "it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from my Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world"  
--- These are exact words from St. Faustina's Diary, quoted by Father Seraphim Michalenko MIC on page 25 in *The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion* See note 1 above.
  11. *ibid.* page 39.
  12. *ibid.* page 47.
  13. *ibid.* page 26.