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LOVE AND MERCY: Faustina

Media Tip Sheet

*Facts — Bios — News Hooks**www.loveandmercyfilm.co.uk***NAME** "Love and Mercy: Faustina"

SYNOPSIS "Love and Mercy: Faustina" is a docudrama that begins with St. Faustina before Christ called her to religious life and follows her as she not only answers Christ's call but receives the image of the Divine Mercy in a vision in 1931 in a tiny town in Poland. The image does not become a tangible reality until years later when her confessor convinces a local artist to paint the image. While St. Faustina would not live to see the world venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, her confessor sought Vatican approval and was met with many obstacles. It wasn't until Pope John Paul II took interest in the image and St. Faustina's story that the image was spread worldwide. Additionally, unique scientific analysis shown in "Love and Mercy" proves that St. Faustina did see Christ in her vision.

SCHEDULE "Love and Mercy: Faustina" will be shown in the UK and Ireland cinemas for one night only on 18 November 2019. The film is 102 minutes in length and includes bonus scenes about members of the film crew that became convinced of the authenticity of the Divine Mercy and converted.

PARTNERS Polish Catholic Mission in England & Wales
Marion Fathers Great Britain
Radio Bobola
Kultura Życia
Divine Mercy Conference in Ireland

NEWS HOOKS

New information from scientific analyses prove St. Faustina did indeed see Christ Not previously reported scientific analysis on the image of the Divine Mercy as it compares to the Shroud of Turin is introduced in "Love and Mercy," furthering proving that St. Faustina did have the vision of Christ she claims.

The world is in need of Divine Mercy and love

Love is sorely lacking in today's world, leading to violence, hate, loneliness, isolation, and despair. The world needs an abundance of Divine Mercy and love at the moment to combat the deep chasms that divide people

BIOS

Michal Kondrat

Producer and Director, “Love and Mercy: Faustina”

Michael Kondrat is an award-winning Polish director and distributor of Christian movies. His debut documentary, “How to Beat Satan,” received the Grand Prix at the International Film Festival in Niepokalanow, the largest film festival of Christian movies in Europe.

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

Director of the Association of Marian Helpers

Father Chris Alar, MIC, is a priest with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Chris wrote and produced the popular “Divine Mercy 101” DVD and is the author of the book *After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You*. He is a regular host and guest on EWTN. He also hosts the online “Divine Mercy Matters” series at DivineMercyMatters.org. Currently he serves as “Fr. Joseph, MIC,” the director of the Association of Marian Helpers, and is the head of Marian Press, located on the grounds of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. ([source](#))

Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek (“Father Kaz”), MIC

Provincial superior for the Marian Fathers in the United States and Argentina

Fr. Kaz was born in Poland, and at the age of 13, he came to Washington, D.C. In 1980 entered the Marians of the Immaculate Conception and was ordained in 1987. Fr. Kaz has served the community as Seminary Rector, House Superior, Provincial Treasurer and Director of the Association of Marian Helpers. Currently he is Vicar Provincial and Director of Evangelization & Development. He has also assisted in the publication of St. Faustina’s Diary in the original Polish and its English translation. Fr. Kaz has been living and promoting this message of Divine Mercy through publishing, conferences, seminars, and on radio and TV including EWTN.

Archbishop Gintaras Grusas

Archbishop of Vilnius, Lithuania

On April 5, 2013 Pope Francis appointed Grusas Archbishop of Vilnius. Born in Washington in 1961, His parents were separated by World War II and, after 16 years of being caught behind the Iron Curtain, his mother and 17-year-old sister were among just 200 families allowed to leave the Soviet Union to be reunited with family in the United States. Grušas was president of the World Lithuanian Youth Association and a member of the Board of the World Lithuanian Community in the 1990s. Grušas earned a degree in mathematics and computer science at the University of California at Los Angeles and spent five years working as a technical consultant of marketing for IBM. He later moved to Rome, where he studied at the Pontifical Beda College, the Pontifical Lithuanian College, and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. He was ordained to priesthood and incardinated for the Archdiocese of Vilnius in 1994. ([source](#))

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About the Marian Fathers

The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception have been official promoters of the Divine Mercy message and devotion since 1941, hardly three years after the death of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the Lord's "Secretary" of Divine Mercy.

The Marian Fathers are the publishers of St. Faustina's diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, in many languages.

At the Marian Fathers headquarter printing presses produce some 50 million pieces of literature and images a year all sent out to a world yearning for meaning, mercy, and healing. Thanks in large part to their efforts, the Divine Mercy message and devotion has become the largest grassroots movement in the history of the Catholic Church.

In 2001, the 60th anniversary of the Marian Fathers' central role in the spread of the Divine Mercy, St. John Paul II sent a special apostolic blessing and a renewed call to the Marians. "Be apostles of Divine Mercy under the maternal and loving guidance of Mary," he wrote.

Inspired by the Great Mercy Pope, the Marian Fathers continue their special task to make it known that, in the words of Jesus to St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy itself. ... My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, especially for poor sinners. ... 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."

For Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers in Great Britain go to www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

About the Marian Helpers

Officially established in 1944, the Association began as a small group of friends who believed in and supported the work of the Marian priests and brothers. Now some 1.5 million members strong, the Association is a spiritual benefit society that continues to prayerfully and financially support the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Enrolled members share in the spiritual benefits of the Holy Masses, prayers, and good works of the Marians. Through this website, our Marian Helper member magazine, and various other materials, members receive information about the Marian family and are encouraged to strive for personal holiness. The Marian Helpers are also the caretakers of the Divine Mercy image from Poland.