MANIFESTATIONS TO ORDINARY PEOPLE AT THE FUTURE SITE OF THE SHRINE

MARCH 24, 2015- A young adult girl was drawn to the Divine Mercy Hills, to sit on a bench under the trees. Previously, she visited the site filled with anger and resentment towards a man who sexually violated her. She wrote on the dirt ground her thoughts and feelings that their time of punishment will come. She comes to the site for prayer and meditation, feeling the peace she was looking for after the horrifying experience.

She shared with me her pain and agony and as I listened to her, I expressed and shared with her the message of love, healing, and mercy of Jesus- the Divine Mercy.

Before she left the bench on this day, she formed a heart of broken twigs, all around her writing. She left a note to Jesus to help her to forgive and be merciful to those who hurt her. For she wants to walk in His footsteps.

--Rhonda Oertle

MAY 13, 2015- The day before Mother’s Day, I visited the Divine Mercy Shrine in Encinitas to pray. There were other people who had gathered at the site for the rosary. My attention was drawn to the sky and I found myself gazing at the center of the sun. A dark ring was on the outline of the sun. It then started to pulse towards the earth and then away; zooming in and out. This happened several times. I felt in my heart at that moment that it was the Holy Eucharist (the sun, which was pale and looked like the host).

-- Andy Velasquez

NOV. 23, 2014- On the Solemnity of the Christ the King, we visited the site with a Chaldean friend who is a shopkeeper by profession. We invited him to pray at the shrine and explained our mission.

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Testimonial: A Personal Encounter with the Divine Mercy: Divine Mercy Site in Encinitas is His Choice Not Ours!

By Zarina Cruz, President
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Two years ago, all board members agreed to pray the 9-day novena to the Holy Spirit for guidance and promptings for a site location, a location of HIS choice, not ours. This prayer we all began on December 15-23, 2013. I happen to do my final 9th day novena in the Divine Mercy Chapel of St. John Parish in El Cerrito, CA. Exactly the same chapel where I heard HIM speak, “Build Me a Shrine” in May 2012. Seven days after the end of the novena a phone call on Dec. 31, 2013 (my birthday) came through from Mr. Rod Ballard, to meet with him as soon as possible to talk about the planned Divine Mercy Shrine to be built adjacent to his 7-9 acre parcel.

And Lord Almighty, did I get the biggest birthday present of my lifetime! Mr. Rod Ballard and his wife, Kim, had a change of heart and plans about their property. With the shrine next door, instead of their original plan of building million dollar single-family homes, they now want to build a 2-story retirement home facility with 10% of the units to be allocated housing for retired priests.

As a humbling gesture of gratitude to our Lord for the many blessings to their family and business, something to give back to the community. Mr. Rod Ballard is a civil engineer, owner/partner of Construction, Testing & Engineering, Inc. home based here in Southern California. He proposed to collaborate with us offering his engineering expertise, skill and experience to serve our civil engineering needs pro-bono; to help build and share the cost of the roadway to and from our site and his facility; to share with us in the purchase cost of the land for the shrine; to use the same architect for the two project development; and to help with the City of Encinitas in obtaining building permit for the facility and the shrine; and allow for parking spaces for the shrine visitors and pilgrims in his underground parking that he plans to build for the retirement facility.

All issues and concerns we have had about the shrine project to that point in time was resolved and eliminated, answered and brought to light by the grace of Divine Intervention and Divine Providence. And that is how our Year 2014 began, just letting God be God. With HIS Divine Presence and our gaze affixed on HIM, with His hands all over it, center, top to bottom, front and back, side-to-side.

On September 12, 2014 we closed escrow on the purchase of the property by the foundation (DMHFSC) from the owners John and Rhonda Oertle, at their original cost of purchase of $325K for the entire 3.25 acre parcel in Encinitas. This undeveloped land along Encinitas Blvd, half a mile East of Freeway 5, a few blocks from St. John Evangelist Church, is where the Lord pointed to us as HIS choice of the Divine Mercy Shrine.

With the numerous signs and manifestations of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, and promptings, guidance and movements of the Holy Spirit we are charging forward towards the building and development of the Shrine.

With the site now under the ownership of the Foundation, we have begun in earnest to raise funds even as many more support us through their prayers and talents. The fund-raising campaign took off early on and will keep on going until this mission project of building the Divine Mercy Shrine is completed, all according to HIS Will, Plan, and Design.

We received the state approval for 501-C3 non-profit organization, allowing for donations to the foundation (DMHFSC) to be tax deductible. We have Joy Aguilar, an Accountant-CPA handling our books, cash flow, and financial reports, also Pro Bono. Along with our Treasurer, Robert Aguilera, BS, MS, MBA, who is overseeing our financial operations, incoming donations and operating expenses. We have been holding events and evangelizations talks to help promote our mission and spread the Divine Mercy Message and Devotion.

The Lord continues to call workers to this mission, whom with their expertise and dedication, are helping to draw others to the work of building the shrine. Apart from sending us a CPA and a CFO, he has also brought along a web designer and a non-profit lawyer to the team according to HIS impeccable and perfect timing.

The board members had a meeting one Saturday morning and before the end of the meeting we agreed to pray for and search for lawyer/s specialized with non-profit organization who can assist us with legal matters. Within hours, at 3PM, on site while in prayer of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at the foot of the 20-ft cross, Steve Beuerle, joined us curious and anxious about the foundation and its mission. We had a 3PM appointment to meet on site and talk about our planned Divine Mercy Shrine, not knowing each other’s personal and work background. After talking to him about almost an hour, at the end of discussion on the way downhill, I asked what he does for work. He said he is a lawyer working for a firm in downtown San Diego, Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch,LLP. A few weeks thereafter, we are in their office along with Atty. John C. O’Neill, who specializes in non-profit cases, discussing our mission and our future needs of legal consultation operating as a non-profit organization. Within a few days we received engagement agreement for Pro Bono Services of Attty. Stephen Beuerle and Attty. John O’Neill signed by us Aug. 21, 2014. GOD is good, ALL the time!

The Lord also sent us a professional web designer, Fanny Surjana, who created and developed our website, also pro-bono: www.divinemercyhills.org.

Please feel free to visit our website for more information and details. We are still updating this site, adding more features to make it user friendly. God is with us. This will be a global network that can be put to use for HIS intentions of spreading HIS call and message to mankind all through the ends of the earth. All nations, languages, cultures and beliefs; men, woman, and children of all ages. For we are all children of GOD, created by GOD, loved by GOD.

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5 ELEMENTS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

1. Image of the Divine Mercy—Jesus said to me, I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. (Diary, 48)

2. Feast of Divine Mercy— I want to give Myself to souls; I yearn for souls. On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of my mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them. (Diary, 206)

3. Chaplet of Divine Mercy—Today, the Lord came to me and said, My daughter, help Me to save souls. You will go to a dying sinner, and you will continue to recite the chaplet, and in this way you will obtain for him trust in My mercy, for he is already in despair. (Diary, 1797)

4. Novena to the Divine Mercy— I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death. (Diary, 1209)

5. Hour of Great Mercy— I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world — mercy triumphed over justice.

My daughter, try your best to make the Stations of the Cross in this hour, provided that your duties permit it; and if you are not able to make the Stations of the Cross, then at least step into the chapel for a moment and adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be, if only for a very brief instant. I claim veneration for My mercy from every creature, but above all from you, since it is to you that I have given the most profound understanding of this mystery. (Diary, 1572)
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However, to our surprise, he directed our attention to the image of Divine Mercy which was affixed to the cross. The weathered plastic sleeve that protected the Divine Mercy image was worn out and the image itself had faded. However, tracing the script formed by the water stain on the sleeve, he explained the letters spelled WORSHIP in Arabic. None of us knew of his talent and ability because he is a very humble and simple man.

Later on after I had gone home, I checked the photos on my camera and noticed that floating right above the group the clouds bore a figure of cross that formed a face framed by wispy clouds. The brow and nose were formed by a cloud in the shape of a cross. In the photos which I took from a distance from the cross, the image was of an angel hovering above the grounds and looking down on the group that had gathered. The same image could be seen in the other photos. I took a photo near the big cross, and when I checked it, the same angelic face whose head was bowed and eyes closed appeared to be bowing before the cross. The significance of the inscription in Arabic, which was a command to worship, and the angelic bow before the cross on the Solemnity of Christ the King could not be missed. --Gen Silverio

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