

# From the Diocese



At the heart of the Resurrection of Jesus is St. Mary Magdalene. Out of love for Jesus, she went to the tomb early on Easter Sunday. When she found the stone rolled away, she ran to tell the disciples. The disciples came and left, while Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. Jesus appeared to her, although she did not recognize him. He asked her, "Whom are you looking for?" This question is a question of the heart.

Whom are we looking for? The first question that Jesus asked in the Gospel of John is "What are you looking for?" In the depths of our heart, amidst all the questions of life, what we are looking for is Jesus-- the One who looks for us, the one who desires to give

us his life now and for eternity.

I love what happens next! Jesus calls her by name. Jesus knows us by name! This is also a glimpse of heaven. When we die, Jesus will call us by name. Mary is so excited she grabs Jesus. He said, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" What a blessing to be united with Jesus!

A couple of hopeful passages from the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom in the year 400A.D.

*Let no one grieve at their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed.*

*Let no one mourn that they have fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave.*

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and your families!

*+ Gerald J. Vencke*

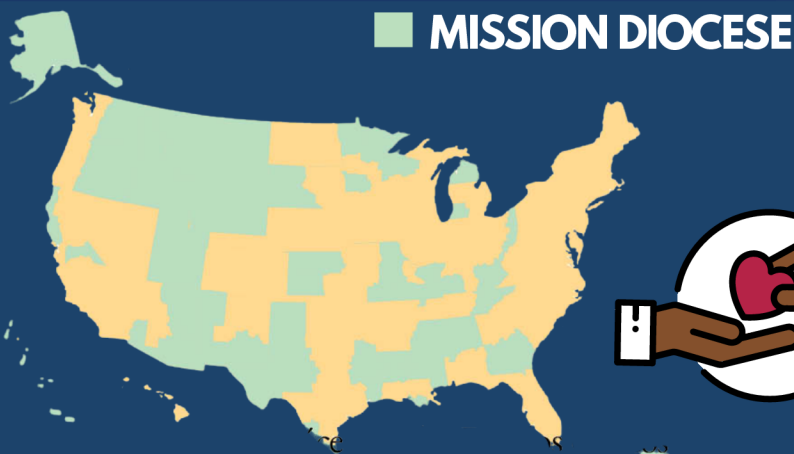
## NEIGHBORS NEAR & NEIGHBORS FAR:

### Catholic Home Missions

Surprisingly, the Catholic Church is poorly established in many parts of our country.

The Bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency, offering financial support to these dioceses.

The Salina Diocese is directly supported by this appeal!



### —Upcoming-Events—

— 4/2

Holy Thursday, Chancery Closed

— 4/3

Good Friday, Chancery Closed

— 4/5

Easter Sunday

— 4/6

Easter Monday, Chancery Closed

— 4/11

Transitional Deacon Ordination

Sacred Heart Cathedral, 10a.m.

— 4/12

Divine Mercy Sunday

**To Give:** Anytime during the month of April, place an envelope in your Parish Collection labeled "Catholic Home Missions"

*Together, let us be disciples of Jesus on mission!*

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska was the first saint canonized in the new millenium! On April 30th, 2000, during her canonization, Pope St. John Paul II named the Sunday after Easter the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**, inspired by St. Faustina's visions of Jesus.



# HOLY WEEK

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

### SMALL BEADS

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### BIG BEADS

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

### AT THE END:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One**, have mercy on us and on the whole world. x3

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

